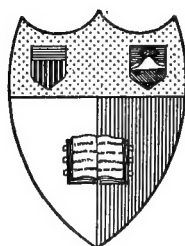






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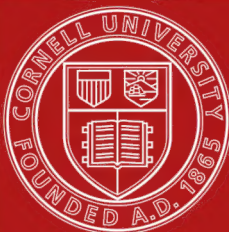
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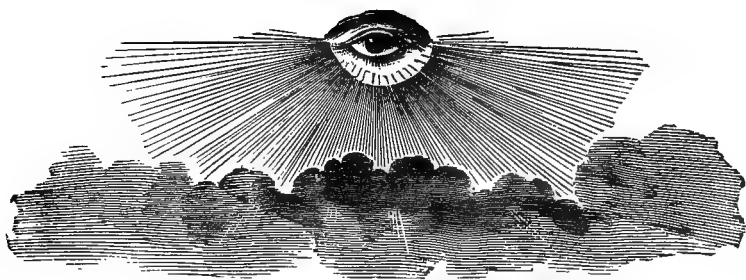
DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—

The first volume of "Old Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania," which has been prepared, under the direction of the Committee on Library of the Grand Lodge, by Brother Julius F. Sachse, Litt.D., Librarian, has been examined, and its publication is hereby authorized.

A great amount of valuable and interesting information regarding these old Lodges and our Brethren of the Eighteenth Century has thus been made available to the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

William L. Gorgas
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FOREWORD.

HERETOFORE it was believed that at the burning of the Masonic Hall in Philadelphia, standing on the north side of Chestnut Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, on the night of March 9, A. D. 1819, A. L. 5819, that all of the old records of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which had survived the Revolutionary period, and the records of the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, prior to the fire, were destroyed in that disastrous conflagration and it is so stated in various publications concerning the Masonic history of Pennsylvania.

Upon that eventful night, however, many of the old records and papers were fortunately saved, and taken to the house of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. George A. Baker, Jr., at the northeast corner of Fourth and Cherry Streets. These documents in February, 1824, were listed by R. W. Bro. Bernard Dahlgren, Bro. Baker's successor in office as Grand Secretary, after which he placed them in six strong wooden boxes, which were securely locked and sealed. They were then successively stored in the rebuilt Chestnut Street Hall, the Washington or Third Street Hall, the Masonic Hall of 1855 (also on Chestnut Street), and lastly, in one of the vaults in the new Masonic Temple, at Broad and Filbert Streets, in 1873.

Here these boxes remained for years unknown and forgotten, until after the death of R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Michael Nisbet, in 1896, when it occurred to Bro. John A.

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Perry, Deputy Grand Secretary, to open them and investigate their contents. Upon seeing what they contained, he at once recognized their great historic value, and brought his important discovery to the notice of the Grand Officers, who now after a lapse of some years have placed them at the disposal of the Committee on Library, under whose sanction the Librarian and Curator is arranging, collating and indexing these precious Masonic documents, which are not merely of value to the Masonic Fraternity, but to the community at large, on account of their historical import.

This action of the Grand Officers and the Committee on Library, has made possible the compilation of an authentic history of such old Provincial and Subordinate Lodges of both the so-called "Moderns" and "Ancients," warranted in years gone by, by the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, both the "Moderns" of 1731, and the "Ancients" of 1761, which for some reasons have either ceased to exist, or now owe fealty to some Sister Grand Lodge, and whose numbers, consequently, are no longer found upon the roster of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging."

The bringing of these documents to light, also opens up to us an insight into the Masonic life and activity during the Revolutionary times, showing how many of the prominent actors therein owed Masonic fealty to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Further than that, they also show that that governing Body was the chief Masonic organization in the Western World, no other Grand Lodge in America granting so many warrants for the erection of Masonic Lodges in the adjoining Colonies, the Revolutionary army, or outlying counties, or having the same number of local Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

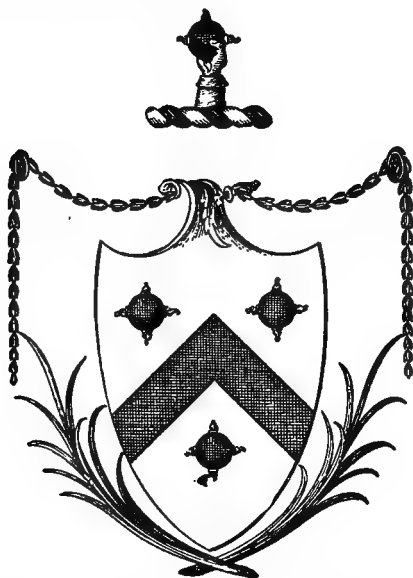
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ARMS OF WILLIAM BALL, FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND
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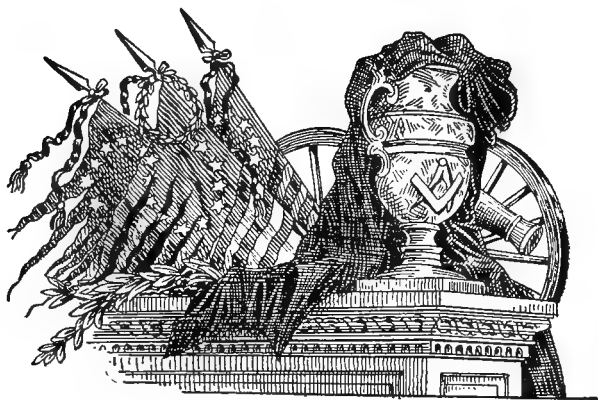
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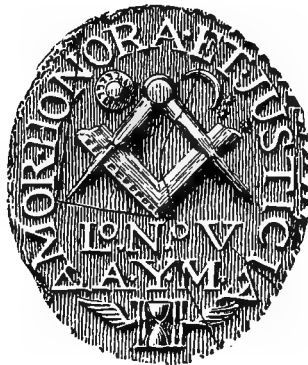
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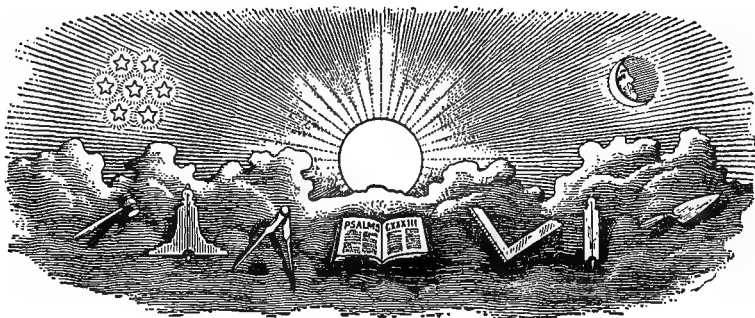
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IN

PENNSYLVANIA

1730—1800



CHAPTER I.

THE DAWN OF FREEMASONRY IN THE WESTERN
WORLD.



THE earliest authentic record of the introduction of Freemasonry in the Western world is the notice at the head of the first column of the first page of “*The Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 108, From Thursday, December 3 to Tuesday, December 8 1730.” “Printed by Benjamin Franklin at

Philadelphia,” wherein it states, “there are *several* Lodges of FREE-MASONS erected in this Province.”

Numb. 108.

The Pennsylvania Gazette.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic.

From Thursday, December 3 to Tuesday, December 8. 1730.

As there are several Lodges of FREE-MASONS erected in this Province, and People have lately been much amused with Conjectures concerning them; we think the following Account of Free-Masonry from London, will not be unacceptable to our Readers.

HEADING OF FRANKLIN'S PAPER CONTAINING AN EXTENDED NOTICE OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY. COPY IN LIBRARY OF GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The "Several" Lodges in the Province

Just where in the Province these Lodges were held at that early day,¹ is a matter of speculation, with the exception of *St. John's Lodge*, which was located in Philadelphia. Franklin, known for his accuracy and careful conformity to the truth, must have been certain of his statement as to numbers, or he would not have used the plural in the above notice.

Just when and how these Lodges were formed, whether erected similarly to the early English Lodges, or, as many were on the Continent, by the mere grouping together of the lawful number of legitimate Brethren,² who had previously been made regular Masons in England, Ireland or elsewhere abroad, and were now living in the Provinces, as appears from the deputation to Daniel Coxe in 1730, governing themselves by the Carmick Manuscript "Constitutions" of 1727,³ or some other Masonic authority from abroad, is an open question, difficult of solution at this late day, owing to the absence of documentary evidence. According to the old "Constitutions" in vogue prior to the publication in London of what are known as the "Anderson Constitutions of 1723," and reprinted by Franklin in Philadelphia, "*by special Order, for the Use of the Brethren in North-America. In the Year of Masonry 5734,*" a gathering or meeting of five legitimate Freemasons was termed a "Lodge," and had the right to make Masons,⁴

¹ From the fact that Franklin sent a number of "Constitutions" to Lancaster, in 1734, the presumption is that one of these "several" Lodges was in the County of Lancaster. Vide "Franklin's Account with the Lodge of Masons, 1731-1737," Sachse, Philadelphia, 1898, p. 12.

² This procedure was known as being formed under "Time immemorial usage." Vide, Transactions Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, Vol. XXII, p. 95 *et seq.*; see also address of Grand Master Orlady, before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Proceedings, 1908.

³ The original Tho. Carmick MS. of "The Constitution of St. John's Lodge," is in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the gift of Persifor Frazer Smith, Esq., in whose family the manuscript was since 1756.

⁴ Cf. "Allgemeingeschichte der Freimaurerei in Deutschland," Wil-

THE
CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE
FREE-MASONS.

CONTAINING THE
History, Charges, Regulations, &c.
of that most Ancient and Right
Worshipful FRATERNITY.

For the Use of the LODGES.



LONDON Printed; *Anno* 5723.
Re-printed in *Philadelphia* by special Order, for the Use
of the Brethren in *NORTH-AMERICA.*
In the Year of Masonry 5734, *Anno Domini* 1734.

TITLE PAGE OF FRANKLIN'S REPRINT OF ANDERSON'S "CONSTITUTIONS."

The Constitutions of the Holy Lodge of St. John

Report to God in private you shall be true to
 every Mason of the Society y^e or they
 be Lawfully Cate and you shall be unto him
 as you would they should be unto you
 you shall call all Masons Brethren or Sisters
 and not by any Disgraceful Name as Slave
 Knave or Rogue you shall not take your Brother
 in villainy or ungodly Desire nor his Daughter
 or Maid Serv^t nor trust any thing that is his
 nor put him to any Disgrace you shall not take
 in hand any thing to do your fellow harm
 you shall not nor any other Mason or fellow
 for any allowance with favour Reward or any other
 Consideration whatsoever of your selfe or any other
 Number taken upon which Number is bound a Lodge
 or six at the least with Consent of the Seventh
 that is absent whose Person must appear under
 his hand in writing to the Lodge you shall not
 admit any person to be made free Mason who
 is not able in all manner of Degrees that is to say
 his must be free born and of good Kind. & no
 Bondman and his limbs as a man ought to have
 that you shall at all times Love one another
 and not stand one another behind his back
 you shall at all times Receive strange Masons
 and fellowes Obedient and Obedient them

FAC-SIMILE (REDUCED) OF PAGE 13, CARMICK MS. "CONSTITUTIONS"
 OF 1727.

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or, according to the Carmick Constitutions, a meeting of seven was termed a Lodge: "Or six at least with consent of the seventh that is absent whose consent must appear under his hand in writing to the Lodge." This custom is plainly set forth in the Carmick MS; (see "The Constitutions of the St. John's Lodge," page 13, beginning on line 15^e).

A Lodge of this kind had legal right to make Freemasons prior to the formulation of the "Constitutions" which were approved by the Grand Lodge of England, January 17, 1722/3, and which were printed later in the year.⁶

By reference to Section VIII. of the "General Regulations," approved by the Grand Lodge of England, on "*St. John Baptist's Day Anno 1721.*" on page 60 of the original edition of "The Constitutions of the FREE-MASONS" as printed in London, 1723, or on pages 61 and 62 of the Franklin reprint of 1734, as shown in fac-simile upon page 22 *infra.*, it will be found that special rules are given for the formation of New Lodges, which have obtained to the present day.⁷

It may well be assumed that, in the early days of our Province, when our first Masonic Lodges were formed in Pennsyl-

helm Keller, second edition, pp. 110 et seq. Lenning's "Handbuch der Freimaurerei," 3d ed., Vol. II, p. 546.

⁶ Cf. facsimile reprint, Philadelphia, 1908.

⁷ Cf. Franklin's reprint "The Constitutions of the Free-Masons," p. 94; "Memorial Volume, Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, 1906, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Pennsylvania."

⁸ These special rules were an arbitrary assumption upon the part of the Grand Lodge of England, which led to considerable controversy, and, it is stated, was one of the causes which eventually led to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of "Ancients," as the old Grand Lodge, or "Moderns," so-called, in entire disregard of the provisions of Section VIII, even issued warrants for the establishment of Lodges to a single Brother without first satisfying themselves as to the requisite number of lawful Brethren. Cf. Lenning's "Encyklopadie der Freimaurerei," 3d ed., Vol. II, p. 546, Leipzig, 1901.

vania, these new laws, adopted by the Grand Lodge in England, were slow in reaching America, and owing to the small edition and consequent scarcity of the book, were not known to the scattered Brethren in the Provinces, who, however, were conversant with the old manuscript Constitutions, and the time immemorial usage, and governed themselves accordingly.⁸

That in 1730, Franklin, before he became a Mason, knew nothing about this publication by the Grand Lodge of England, is apparent from the publication of the article on Freemasonry, which appeared in his *Gazette* of December 3 to 8, 1730, above mentioned.

That the Lodges alluded to by Franklin, both Grand and Subordinate, could not have been warranted by Daniel Coxe of New Jersey, would seem to be evident from the fact that Col. Coxe was in England during the period when the Pennsylvania Lodges were formed. He, however, knew of the presence of regular Freemasons in this and the neighboring Provinces, and it was upon his statement of this fact that a deputation was granted him, June 5, 1730, as Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania,⁹ his term commencing on "St. John the Baptist's day next ensuing" (June 24, 1730), and extending for two years.

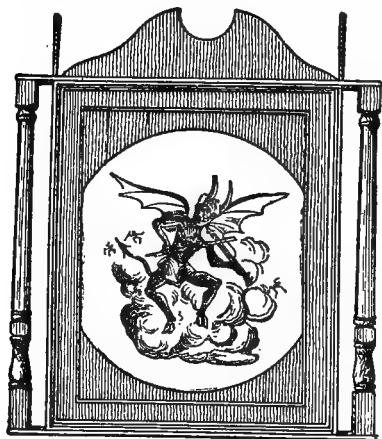
Just when Daniel Coxe, whose chief residence in America was at Burlington, New Jersey, on the Delaware, twenty miles above Philadelphia, returned to America, is something which the present writer has not been able to discover.

⁸ Cf. address of Grand Master Orlady before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Proceedings, 1908.

⁹ Vide copy of original deputation in Archives of Grand Lodge of England; and reprinted in "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, 1877, p. viii.

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From the records of the Grand Lodge of England, we find that Daniel Coxe in the year 1731, was affiliated with Lodge No. 8,¹⁰ which met at the Devil Tavern, within Temple Bar, London. That Provincial Grand Master Coxe's sojourn in London was a prolonged one, is shown by the same records under date of January 29, 1730/1, when, it is stated, that his health was drunk "as Provincial Grand Master of North



SIGNBOARD OF THE DEVIL TAVERN IN
FLEET STREET, LONDON.

America," he being the first person to be appointed by a Grand Master of England, as shown by the records, to that high office for the government of the Brethren in the Western world, who might come under his jurisdiction after his return to the Colonies.

The date above given was according to the "old" style of computation of time then in vogue.¹¹

To be sure as to the year, Bro. Henry Sadler, the Librarian and Curator of the United Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of England, was appealed to by the writer, and asked to refer to the original Minutes.

His reply, under date of November 15, 1910,¹² is as follows:

"It is perfectly clear that Cox was present in Grand Lodge on the

¹⁰ Vide Chap Book, "Life of Col. Daniel Coxe," by Clifford P. MacCalla, Philadelphia, 1887; also "History of Freemasonry in Canada," Vol. 1, p. 140, by J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, 1899.

¹¹ The records of the Philadelphia Lodges, of course, all show the use of the "old" style prior to 1750, the year beginning with March 25.

¹² Letter in Archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



COLONEL DANIEL COXE.

B. LONDON, AUGUST, 1673; D. BURLINGTON, N. J., APRIL 25, 1739.

"PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF THE PROVINCES OF NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND PENSILVANIA."

JUNE 24, 1730—JUNE 24, 1732.

FROM ORIGINAL PAINTING IN POSSESSION OF HIS GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON, EDMUND J. U. COXE, ESQ.

The "Henry Bell" Letter

29th of January, 1731," seven months after the date of his deputation.—The date of the Meeting is given thus: '29th of January 1730/1.' Had it been the next January it would have been written January 1731/2."

The prolonged sojourn of Provincial Grand Master Coxe in England, and consequent absence from this country during the tenure of his deputation or patent, granted June 5, 1730, by the Duke of Norfolk as Grand Master of England, doubtless accounts for the fact that we have no record of his having constituted any Masonic Lodges in Philadelphia. .

Further, according to the patent granted to Coxe, he was to furnish annually a return of the Lodges he constituted, with a list of the membership, viz:

"And that he, the said Daniel Cox, our Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces, and the Provincial Grand Master for the time being, or his Deputy, do send to us or our Deputy Grand Master, and to the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being, annually an account in writing of the number of Lodges so constituted, with the names of the several members of each particular Lodge, together with such other matters and things as he or they shall think fit to be communicated for the prosperity of the Craft."

There is no record of any such report ever having been made, nor is there any positive evidence to that effect to be found in England or America.

An apparent exception is the statement in the so-called "Henry Bell letter,"¹⁴ wherein it is claimed that the statement appeared that in the *fall of 1730*, Daniel Coxe was petitioned by the Lodge at the *Tun Tavern* in Philadelphia for a charter, and that he granted their request.

In the light of careful investigation, we find that during

¹⁴ According to the "new" or present computation of time.

¹⁴ Cf. Masonic Temple Dedication Memorial Volume, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1873, p. 21.

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the fall of 1730, Col. Coxe was in England, so that portion of the letter seems discredited. Further, the First or St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia, during the years 1730-1732, met at the *Sun* Tavern, kept by Bro. John Hobart. It was not until the year 1733, that a Masonic Lodge meeting was held at the *Tun* Tavern, just two years after the establishment of the Independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and a year after the Coxe deputation had expired.

The variance in the name of the Tavern "*Sun*" and "*Tun*" may, however, have been an error, made in 1872 in transcribing the so called "Henry Bell Letter," alleged to have been written November 17, 1754. At the time when the copy was made, in 1872, it was *supposed* that there had been but one Masonic Tavern in Philadelphia, at that early day, and that even in the notice in Franklin's *Gazette*, the word "Sun" was a typographical error for "*Tun*."¹⁵

Then, again, as to the date given in this letter, for the formation of the First Lodge "in the fall of 1730," the true date undoubtedly was much earlier, or Franklin would not have used the plural in the beginning of December, nor would there have been any Grand Officers for the year 1731 as noted in "Liber B." The question arises as to who was the leading spirit in the introduction of Freemasonry and the erection of the first Lodges in America. There seems to be little doubt that almost all of the founders of the first St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia had been brought to true Masonic light in England or Ireland.

In view of an exhaustive research and a careful scrutiny of the thirteen oldest or original members of St. John's Lodge, according to "Liber B," and their positions in society in the infant colony, and a search of records at home and abroad, all

¹⁵ Cf. "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, 1877, p. xxiv.



To the Right Hon.^{ble}

Will^m Byron Lord Byron

Baron of Rochdale

in the County of Lancaster

Grand Master.

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ARMS OF LORD BYRON.

GRAND MASTER OF "MODERNS," WHO GRANTED THE
PROVINCIAL GRAND WARRANT TO WILLIAM ALLEN, A.D. 1749.

indications point to William Allen, as the Brother to whom the chief credit belongs. We have the evidence that Bro. Allen was sojourning in England in 1725, at which time his father died in Philadelphia; also, that he was in Philadelphia in September, 1726, but appears to have again left the country and did not return until the spring of 1728. Three years later, in June, 1731, we find him noted as Grand Master, which proves that at that time he was the most prominent Freemason in the Province.

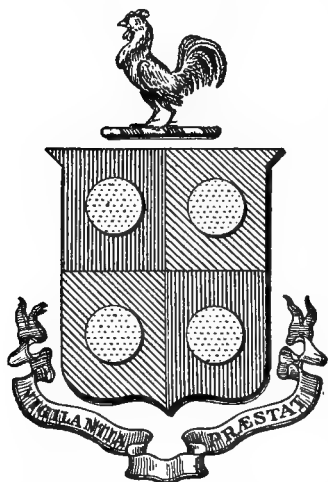
Now the question naturally arises, how William Allen first held his Grandmastership: whether by virtue of an election by his Brethren in America, or was he deputed as Provincial Grand Master during his sojourn in England, during 1727, by the Grand Master, the Earl of Inchiquin,¹⁶ who is known to have granted deputations to several gentlemen to hold the office of Provincial Grand Master in different parts of England, "*as well as in some places abroad?*"¹⁷ That this is plausible, appears from the fact that, when Franklin secured the Provincial Grandmastership in 1749, by obtaining a deputation from Thomas Oxnard of Massachusetts, he was within six months confronted with a commission from Lord Byron, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, appointing William Allen as Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, a position which he held until the "Moderns" were superseded by the rival organization known as the "Ancients," which has continued down to the present time.

¹⁶ "The appointment of Provincial Grand Masters, then as now, was a prerogative of the Grand Master, [and] consequently never appeared in the Grand Lodge Minutes except in some few instances in the early days of the Grand Lodge." Bro. Henry Sadler, Librarian and Curator of the United Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of England to Bro. Julius F. Sachse, December 31, 1910.

¹⁷ Cf. Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," Section VIII., p. 177, Portsmouth ed., 1804. Also Czudnochowski. "Handbuch" Neuwied, 1860, pp. 58-59.

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Col. Daniel Coxe, the first person to be deputized by the Grand Master of England as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, was one of the wealthiest men in the Colonies. He was born in London, shortly before



ARMS OF COL. DANIEL COXE.

August 31, 1673, on which date his baptism is registered in St. Botolph's Church, Aldersgate.¹⁸ He was the eldest son of Dr. Daniel Coxe (b. 1640—d. January 19, 1730), of London, the physician to King Charles II and Queen Anne, and from 1687 to 1691 the largest landed proprietor in, and the nominal governor of, the Province of West Jersey.¹⁹ Col. Coxe came to America in 1701, being then in his twenty-eighth year, and at

once took a prominent part in the public life, and an active interest in the development of church, civil, and military affairs in the Colony of West Jersey. In the fall of the year 1716, or early in 1717, Daniel Coxe went to England, where on December 8, 1719, it appears that he filed a caveat against an act of New Jersey providing for the running of a partition line between East and West New Jersey.²⁰ While sojourning in London, he supervised the publication of his "Description of Carolana" in 1722.

In the following year (1723), we find him at Burlington, actively engaged in church work. Col. Coxe was a prominent

¹⁸ *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 7, p. 326.

¹⁹ Dr. Daniel Coxe, the father of Col. Daniel Coxe, never came to America.

²⁰ "Archives of New Jersey," Vol. IV, pp. 445-6.

member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at Burlington. He appears to have remained in America until some time in 1728.

A
DESCRIPTION
Of the ENGLISH PROVINCE of
CAROLANA;
By the *Spaniards* call'd
FLORIDA,
And by the *French*
LA LOUISIANE.
! As also of the Great and Famous River
MESCHACEBE or MISSISSIPPI,
The Five vast Navigable Lakes of Fresh
Water, and the Parts Adjacent.
TOGETHER
With an Account of the Commodities of the
Growth and Production of the said Province.
And a PREFACE containing some Considerations
on the Consequences of the *French* making Set-
tlements there.

By DANIEL COXE, *Esq;*

Non minor est Virtus quam quæere parta tueri.

L O N D O N .

Printed for EDWARD SYMON, against the Royal
Exchange in Cornhill. 1727.

TITLE PAGE (REDUCED) OF COL. COXE'S BOOK.

The next positive evidence we have of him is his presence in London in 1730, which undoubtedly was caused by the illness or death of his father, who died January 19, 1730, in his ninetieth year. It was during this visit to London that Col. Coxe was deputized as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and in the following year, January 29, 1731, during his visit to the Grand Lodge of

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England, was saluted as the "Provincial Grand Master of North America."²¹

From thence until the expiration of Col. Coxe's deputation, June 24, 1732, the present investigator has not been able to find any documentary evidence showing his presence in America during his official term as Provincial Grand Master.

While we have the records in Franklin's *Gazette* of the election of subsequent Grand Masters in Pennsylvania covering the whole period of Col. Coxe's incumbency, it is not until the year 1734 that we have positive information of Col. Coxe's whereabouts, when he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The next item of interest is the notice of his death, five years later, in Franklin's *Gazette*, for April 19 to April 26, 1739:

"Yesterday morning died at Trenton, The Hon. Daniel Coxe Esq., one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey."

His remains were interred in front of the chancel of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Burlington.

The slab covering the remains is set even with the floor and bears the inscription:

DANIEL COXE

DIED APRIL 25TH, 1739.

Etat 65.

²¹ Bro. Henry Sadler, the learned Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, in a letter to the writer, December 31, 1910, says: "I know of no mention of Daniel Coxe later than 1731, but it does not follow that he was not in England after that year, although he may not have attended the Grand Lodge. We have the minutes of every meeting of the Grand Lodge from June 24, 1723, to present time, and had he visited it his name would, without a doubt, have been inserted amongst those of other distinguished visitors."

The Third Oldest Grand Lodge

That these "several" Pennsylvania Lodges were regular and legitimate ones, according to the Old Constitutions, appears from the fact that, in the year 1731, the Brethren came together, just as they had done in England fourteen years before (1717), and formed a Grand Lodge, a proceeding which must undoubtedly in due course of time have become known to the Masonic authorities in England, while Provincial Grand Master Coxe was still sojourning there.

It is believed that it is from the fact of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania being an independent body—the third oldest Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be established—that we find but a single reference (and that in an *Irish* list),^{21a} to any Pennsylvania Lodge in the ancient published or engraved lists of Lodges, owing fealty to the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was a sister and not a daughter to the Grand Lodge of England.²²

The earliest record of an American Lodge held under an English warrant is the one in Boston that appears in the engraved lists of 1735, having been constituted August 31, 1733.²³

The movement in Massachusetts was not an independent one, but subordinate to the Grand Lodge of England, the first Lodge being warranted by Henry Price the Provincial Grand Master, whose authority extended only to such parts of America where there was no Grand Lodge.²⁴

^{21a} Cf. "A Pocket-Companion for Free Masons," Dublin, MDCCXXXV., p. 78. Copy in Grand Lodge Library.

²² This matter is fully set forth by Grand Master Orlady in his address before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Proceedings, 1908.

²³ Copy in Grand Lodge Library.

²⁴ There is no copy of the original deputation of Price's in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England. The authorities there, however, say that the writer "is right as to its being intended to be opera-

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How closely our Grand Lodge became affiliated with the Grand Lodge of England, is shown by the fact that the Pennsylvania Brethren adopted and concurred in the changes made in the ritual by the Grand Lodge of England, subsequent to or about 1730, which later earned them the name of "Moderns", also, by the American edition of the Constitutions reprinted in Philadelphia by Franklin in the year 1734, the first edition having been exhausted in England.²⁵

For documentary evidence or further proof of the formation or existence of our Pennsylvania Grand Lodge ("Moderns"), if any be needed, we may refer to the celebrated "*Liber B*" or Ledger of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia, the oldest known original American Masonic record, which begins June 24, 1731, wherein, on pages 2 and 44, William Allen, Esq., is named as Grand Master, and William Pringle, as Deputy Grand Master.²⁶

This book is now in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and gives us a list of the members as well as the financial statement of each Brother belonging to St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia from June 24, 1731, to the close of the year 1738, including the Grand Master, who was a member of that Lodge. The greater por-

tive only in such parts of North America where no Provincial Grand Master had been appointed or Grand Lodge existed." Sadler to Sachse, 1910. Vide copy in "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, 1877, p. viii.

²⁵ "Bro. Anderson, author of the 'Book of Constitutions,' representing that a new edition was become necessary and that he had prepared materials for it, the Grand Master and Lodge ordered him to lay the same before the present and former Grand Officers that they might report their Opinion to the Grand Lodge." Proceedings, Grand Lodge of England, Monday, February 24, 1734-5.

²⁶ Cf. "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." Ledger of St. John's Lodge, A°. Dom. June 24, 1731, pp. 14 and 68 (folios 2 and 44 in original). Pringle, p. 30 (folio 9 in original).



THE INDIAN KING TAVERN.

MEETING PLACE OF THE GRAND LODGE "MODERNS" FROM 1736-1741,
FORMERLY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MARKET STREET AND BANK ALLEY.

tion of these entries are in the hand writing of Bro. Benjamin Franklin. The seal adopted by these early Brethren was round, with the inscription *Friendship Abounds*. In the center were two hands with fingers interlaced. Several impressions of this seal, the oldest Masonic seal of America, are in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



Unfortunately the regular minutes and other records of this Grand Lodge have been lost or destroyed, with the exception of the successive notices

OLD SEAL OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
"MODERNS."

in Franklin's *Gazette* from 1731 to 1741; a subscription list toward the building of the Lodge House in Lodge Alley, dated March 13, 1754; the sermon and proceedings of the dedication, June 24, 1755; and a bill for Tyling, December 30, 1753. These latter documents are in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

In addition to the above, we have Franklin's business Journal, begun July 4, 1730, now in the library of the American Philosophical Society, in Philadelphia. This book gives us the business dealings between Franklin and the Masonic Fraternity, wherein, between the dates of September 9, 1731, and October 16 of the same year, we find the entry, "Blanks for Masons, 0.5.0."

Next in importance comes the Ledger account with the "Lodge of Mason's at Br. Hubards:" The Masonic notices in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* give us notices of the election of Grand Officers for successive years, which will be noted in chronological order.

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"LODGE OF MASONS AT BR. HUBARDS, DR.

For tickets	5
For tickets, 1,000	4 3 4
September, 1734. For a finely gilded constitution to the Proprietor	5
For one Do for the Lodge	5
November, 1734. Mr. Thomas Penn, Proprietor.	
For a book of Constitutions	6 0
James Bingham for Binding a Mason book	1 6
Mr. Newingham for binding a Mason book gilt.....	4 0
Edward Evans for a Mason book	2 6
March 20, 1735. John Hubbard for Mason book	2 6
May 13, 1735. F. Hopkinson, Dr. to binding a Mason book	1 6"

We also know that three Subordinate Lodges were warranted by the Grand Lodge, and located in Philadelphia prior to 1754. The Ledger of Lodge No. 2, from December 27, 1749, to 1763, a photographic facsimile²⁷ of the Minute Book of Lodge No. 3, known as the "Tun Tavern" Lodge, 1749 to 1755, and the Minutes of the fourth Lodge (now Lodge No. 2 of Pennsylvania) are in the Library of our Grand Lodge.

All of these Lodges of the so-called "Moderns," together with the First or St. John's Lodge and the Grand Lodge, succumbed to political causes during the Provincial and Revolutionary period, or were superseded by the Lodges working under the warrant of the "Ancients" dated July 15, 1761, "according to the Old Constitutions."

Occasional meetings, however, appear to have been held, and some semblance of an organization kept up to maintain the equity in the Freemasons' Lodge in Lodge Alley. As shown by our Records, both the Grand Lodge "Ancients" and Subordinate Lodges met there from 1778 until the property was finally sold in 1785.²⁸

²⁷ Original at Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

²⁸ Cf. "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," by Bros. Norris S. Barratt and Julius F. Sachse, Vol. II, p. 98 *et seq.*

The Last of the "Moderns"

The only documentary evidence of the maintenance of any meetings of the "Moderns" during or after the Revolution is a communication to our Grand Lodge dated October 30, 1782, wherein it gives Edward Shippen W. Master; Matt^w Clarkson, S. W. Mich^l. Hillegas, J. W.; Tench Francis, Sec'y; and Thomas Bond as Visiting brother²⁹ of Lodge No. 1.

The history of these four extinct Philadelphia Lodges of the "Moderns" of the eighteenth century is gleaned from the above-named original records.

The object of the Committee on Library in publishing this work is to preserve such records as still exist, relating to all of the different Lodges wherever located, which were warranted by both the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, both "Modern" and "Ancient" during the eighteenth century, and have either become extinct or are working under other Grand Jurisdictions, thereby making their history available to Masonic students at large.

In the list of names of the members of these old extinct Lodges will be found many Brethren who were prominent in the development and the building up not alone of our Commonwealth, but of our Nation.

²⁹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania, Vol. I, p. 52, Philadelphia, 1895.



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ROSTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF

Date.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1731	WILLIAM ALLEN	WILLIAM PRINGLE	
1732	WILLIAM ALLEN	WILLIAM PRINGLE	THOMAS BOUDE
1733	HUMPHREY MURRAY	THOMAS HART	PETER CUFF
1734	BENJ. FRANKLIN	JOHN CRAFF	JAMES HAMILTON
1735	JAS. HAMILTON	THOS. HOPKINSON	WM. PLUMSTED
1736	THOS. HOPKINSON	WILL. PLUMSTEAD	JOSEPH SHIPPEN
1737	WILL. PLUMSTEAD	JOS. SHIPPEN, JR.	HENRY PRATT
1738	JOSEPH SHIPPEN	PHILIP SYNG	DR. THOS. CADWALADER
1739			
1740			
1741	PHILIP SYNG	THOMAS BOUDE	LAMBERT EMERSON
1742			
1743			
1744			
1745			
1746			
1747	WILLIAM ALLEN ¹		
1748	WILLIAM ALLEN		
1749	WILLIAM ALLEN		
1749	B. FRANKLIN	DR. THOS. BOND	JOSEPH SHIPPEN
1750	WILLIAM ALLEN	B. FRANKLIN	JOSEPH SHIPPEN
1751	WILLIAM ALLEN		
1752			
1753			
1754			
1755	WM. ALLEN	B. FRANKLIN	DR. T. BOND

¹ William Allen was Provincial Grand Master for 1747-48-49-50-51, according to the 1756 Edition of the English "Constitutions." Vide London Edition of 1756, by John Entick.

Grand Officers of the "Moderns"

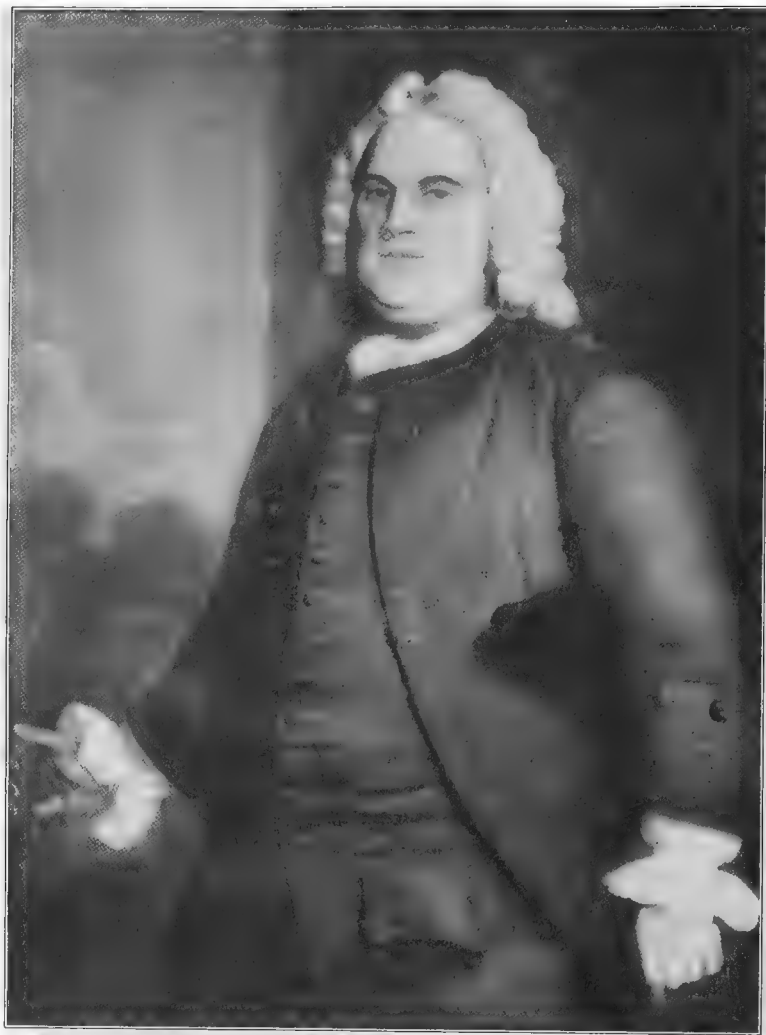
PENNSYLVANIA, "MODERNS," 1731-1755.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Secretary.	Grand Treasurer.	Place of Meeting.
	THOMAS BOUDE	THOMAS BOUDE	Sun Tavern.
BENJ. FRANKLIN	THOMAS BOUDE	THOMAS BOUDE	Sun Tavern.
JAMES BINGHAM			Tun Tavern.
THOS. HOPKINSON			Tun Tavern.
JOSEPH SHIPPEN			Indian King.
HENRY PRATT			
PHILIP SYNG			Indian King.
THOMAS BOUDE			Indian King.
DR. THOMAS BOND			Indian King.
PHILIP SYNG	DANIEL BYLES	WM. PLUMSTEAD	Royal Standard.
PHILIP SYNG	DANIEL BYLES	WM. PLUMSTEAD	Royal Standard.
J. SHIPPEN	WM. FRANKLIN	WM. PLUMSTEAD	Freemasons' Hall.

VIII. No Set or Number of Brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the *Lodge* in which they were made *Brethren*, or were afterwards admitted *Members*, unless the *Lodge* becomes too numerous; nor even then, without a Dispensation from the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy*: And when they are thus separated, they must either immediately join themselves to such *other Lodge* as they shall like best, with the unanimous Consent of that *other Lodge* to which they go (*as above regulated*), or else they must obtain the *Grand-Master's* Warrant to join in forming a *new Lodge*.

If any Set or Number of *Masons* shall take upon themselves to form a *Lodge* without the *Grand-Master's* Warrant, the *regular Lodges* are not to countenance them, nor own them as *fair Brethren* and duly form'd, nor approve of their *Acts* and *Deeds*; but must treat them as *Rebels*, until they humble themselves, as the *Grand-Master* shall in his Prudence direct, and until he approve of them by his *Warrant*, which must be signify'd to the *other Lodges*, as the Custom is when a *new Lodge* is to be register'd in the *List of Lodges*.

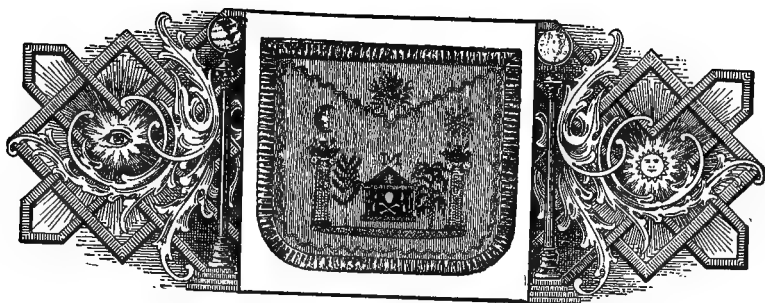
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Wm. Allen

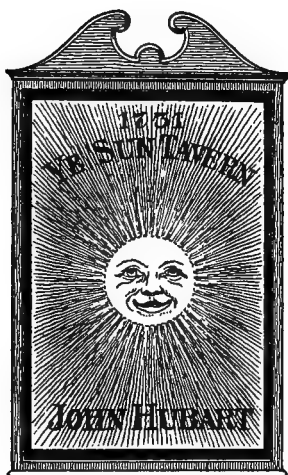
BORN PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 5, 1704; DIED SEPTEMBER 6, 1780.

GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1732. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER "MODERNS," 1749-1765.



CHAPTER II.

"ST. JOHN'S" OR "FIRST" LODGE, PHILADELPHIA,
AND ITS DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP,
1730-1755.



THIS Lodge, also known as the "First" Lodge in the official records, was composed of some of the leading and wealthiest citizens in Penn's chief city on the Delaware.

The finding of the old Ledger of this Lodge, usually known as "Liber B", from the inscription on the front cover, was the first official document that gave us an insight into the financial condition of the first Lodge to be formed

in the western world, as well as a complete list of its membership during the first eight years of its existence, commencing June 24, 1731, and ending June 24, 1738. The accounts, however, begin five months earlier than the date given above. According to the old computation of time then in vogue, this fact actually runs the account of the Lodge back to 1730-1, which goes further to confirm the notice about the

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“several” Lodges in Franklin’s *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 108 of December 8, 1730.

From February 27, 1884, the day when the attention of the late R. W. Past Grand Master Brother Clifford P. MacCalla was first called to the old tome by the late Frederick D. Stone, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, until the present time, the book remains the most important, as well as the oldest Masonic record book yet discovered in this country.

Several articles about this book and the value of its contents were published at the time by Bro. MacCalla in *The Keystone*, of which he was then the editor. These papers were later reissued in the form of chap-books, copies of which are in the Grand Lodge Library. After the death of Bro. MacCalla April 24, 1892, other writers took up the subject, the most important and comprehensive paper being that by Bro. Lamberton¹ published in the Memorial Volume of the Franklin Bi-centenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, March 7, 1906.

Such parts of this “Account of St. John’s Lodge, Philadelphia, and its ‘Liber B’” as relate to the old volume are here reproduced:

“It is,” writes Bro. Lamberton, “the account book of the Lodge, containing the general cash account of the Lodge as well as the accounts of the Lodge with its members, from June 24, 1731, to June 24, 1738. (There is one entry June 24, 1739.)

“This book, by the courtesy of the authorities of the Historical Society, was exhibited by Brother MacCalla at a meeting of Lodge No. 51, on the day following its discovery, during a lecture by Brother MacCalla in Ionic Hall in the

¹ Brother James M. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, Junior Grand Deacon.

"Liber B" of St. John's Lodge

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, upon 'A Remarkable Masonic Life,' that of Benjamin Franklin, and to Past Grand Master MacCalla are the Fraternity in Pennsylvania indebted for the information which has been collected with regard to this old Lodge. The book, being without doubt the oldest Masonic record book yet discovered in this country, is of the greatest interest to Masonic students, and so valuable and important did it seem to the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Conrad B. Day, that he had a number of its pages phototyped, and a copy of the same was sent to every Grand Lodge with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was in fraternal communication.²

"The book was presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, November 8, 1880, by Mr. George T. Ingham, of Salem, New Jersey, who received it from a descendant of David Hall, a partner with Franklin in the printing and publishing business. The book is of the blank book pattern, being $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and 12 inches long, and two inches thick, containing 257 leaves, a large number being blank. It is bound in stiff vellum and is quite well preserved. The paper is of the usual style of that day, unpressed or not calendered, having several water marks.

"The first twelve leaves, where the index is, and the last two, are not ruled. Beginning at the 179th leaf, six pages are used for the accounts of the Wardens; then follows 'The Lodge General Acct. of Expenses to Owen Owen, for the year 1736,' covering four pages. At the 184th leaf 'Stock' begins.

"The fact that this book is marked 'Libr. B' indicates a previous 'Libr. A,' but whether 'Libr. A' was an earlier account book, or the book in which the minutes of the Lodge were recorded, there is no way of determining.

² Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1884, p. 77.

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“The Masonic entries contained therein were printed in full in the first Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1730–1808.

“At the beginning is an alphabetical index of the names of the Brethren whose accounts with the Lodge are contained in the body of the book.

“An examination of the handwriting leads to the opinion that Thomas Boude was the first Secretary of the Lodge, he also acting as Treasurer, as was the custom in the early days of the Grand Lodge of England; later, in December, 1733, there was a change, and from a careful comparison of the entries with others known to be by Franklin, it appears that Franklin was for the last two years the Secretary and Treasurer.

“From this book we learn that William Allen was Grand Master in 1731; the first notice of his election heretofore known was that which is recorded in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 187, June 19 to June 26, 1732, as having taken place on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1732.

“The accounts of the first fourteen members, whose names are given below, begin with June 24, 1731, and thirteen of these are charged with ‘5 Lodge days omissions @ 6 per Diem,’ the fourteenth (the first on the list), ‘William Button, Late Master,’ is charged ‘To 4 Lodge days, at 6d. per Diem, due before you sailed to Newfoundland.’

“A comparison of the dates upon which the ‘omission’ or ‘monthly quota’ is charged in these accounts with the calendars for the years named, shows that with the exception of June 24, 1731, which was a Thursday, October 19, 1732, which was a Thursday, and September 29, 1733, which was a Saturday, the Lodge met on the first Monday of the month. In 1731, the first Monday of February, was the

first day, when it seems that Benjamin Franklin and Henry Pratt were initiated,³ William Button being Worshipful Master and Thomas Hart, 'Bricklayer in town' (to distinguish him from Thomas Hart, farmer), was one of the Wardens: whether the Lodge was constituted on that date or prior thereto, no one can now tell."

Before proceeding to analyze the membership of our St. John's Lodge as set forth in "Liber B," we will take up a matter that has thus far been more or less of an enigma in the Masonic history of Pennsylvania. By reference to Franklin's "Account with the Lodge of Masons" on folio 66 in Franklin's "Daily Journal," begun July 4, 1730, which was found by the present writer among the Franklin papers at the American Philosophical Society in the fall of 1898, and its contents brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by him at the Annual Grand Communication held at Philadelphia, December 27, 1898,⁴ we find, under date of August 31, 1734, the following entries:

"For 3 Constitutions by John Catherwood, Lanca.

County 7 6

For 6 Constitutions by Reynells to Lancaster 15 0"

The sending of these "Constitutions" to Lancaster County, would seem to indicate the existence of a Masonic Lodge in that inland town at that early date—a presumption undoubtedly reasonable, which is strengthened by the fact that the Senior Grand Warden, Bro. James Hamilton, at that time

³ It will be noticed that Franklin did not become a Freemason until several months after his publication, wherein he mentions the erection of several Lodges in the Province.

⁴ Vide Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1898; also "Franklin's account with the Lodge of Masons, 1731-1737," by Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, 1898.

⁵ Vide Keith's "Provincial Councillors," Philadelphia, 1883, p. 130.

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(1734) was a resident of Lancaster,⁵ the county town of which was laid out in 1729 on the property of his father, Andrew Hamilton. In the same year, (1734) Bro. James Hamilton was elected to represent the county in the Province Assembly, and on the following St. John's Day, June 24, 1735, he was chosen Grand Master of Pennsylvania, succeeding Franklin in that office, Bro. John Crapp, Deputy Grand Master, having died during his term of office.

There can be no doubt that there must have been a number of Brethren in Lancaster County at that early day, even if no regular Lodge was erected there at that time. This is shown by the fact that Franklin sent at least nine "Constitutions," as soon as off the press, to that section of the Province, at the expense of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia. Who these Brethren in Lancaster County were, we have thus far failed to trace, with the exception of James Hamilton, John Catherwood, of Donegal Township, and Laurence Reynolds (Reynells), who lived beyond the Susquehanna. The residence of Senior Grand Warden Bro. James Hamilton, in Lancaster at the time under consideration, appears to offer a partial solution to the interesting question of the introduction of Freemasonry into the body of the Province.

In the following list of members of St. John's Lodge, as taken from "Liber B," the date given is where they were charged with their entrance fee. This, however, does not signify that they were entered upon that date, nor that all of these Brethren were made Masons in St. John's Lodge. Undoubtedly some were made Masons abroad and joined the Lodge here at this early date. The price of admission or entrance fee was the same whether for making or for membership, and in the former case included the three degrees as well as membership.

Original Members of St. John's Lodge

This rule was changed some time previous to the year 1749, when it required separate proposals and ballots for each degree as well as for membership. This is shown by the minute books, ledgers and papers that have come down to us from old Lodges of the "Moderns."

The original members of St. John's Lodge, as shown by "Liber B" appear to have been:

1. WILLIAM BUTTON, W. M. 1730.
2. WILLIAM ALLEN, Grand Master 1731-1732.
3. CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON.
4. THOMAS HART, Warden 1730.
5. SAMUEL NICHOLAS.
6. JOHN EMERSON.
7. THOMAS HART, farmer.
8. THOMAS BOUDE.
9. WILLIAM PRINGLE, Deputy Grand Master 1731-1732.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN appears to have been the only candidate admitted to the Lodge in the latter part of 1730-1.

From June 24, 1731, to June 3, 1734, twenty-five men joined the Lodge, at an entrance fee of £3. 0. 0.

From June 5, 1734, to June 6, 1737, fifteen others joined the Lodge, paying an entrance fee of £5. 0. 0, making a total of fifty-five members up to the time when the records end in our old volume.

Although the term "entrance fee" is used in each case, it must not be taken for granted that all of these members were entered, passed and raised in St. John's Lodge; the same fee as mentioned above was evidently charged for membership, as well as for making.

WILLIAM ALLEN, the first Grand Master of Pennsylvania and in the Western World, was born in Philadelphia, August 5, 1704, and baptized, August 17, in the First Presbyterian

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Church. In 1725, he was studying law at the Temple, in London, and returned to Philadelphia prior to September 21, 1726, but appears to have again gone abroad, and did not return until the spring of 1728. During his absence, he was elected a Common Councilman; in 1731 he became a member of the Assembly, serving until 1739; October, 1735, he was chosen Mayor of the City. Allen repeatedly served as Judge of the Orphans' Court and the Court of Common Pleas; in 1741, he was Recorder, succeeding his father-in-law, Andrew Hamilton, and continued in that office until October 2, 1750, when he was appointed Chief Justice of the Province, an office he held until 1774, when he went to England, where he published *The American Crisis*, setting forth a plan for restoring the dependence of the American Colonies.

A portrait of Grand Master Allen was painted by Benjamin West before he left Philadelphia, and is described by Brown, in the *Forum*, Vol. I, pp. 248-249. In this portrait, he has a curled wig and ruffled sleeves, but is otherwise dressed as plainly as possible. The costume is a shade of brown, the face round, with rather straight features, and is distinguished by bonhomie and good sense, rather than by intensity of intellectual action.

Judge Allen was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society January 19, 1768.*

* Upon the same occasion, January 19, 1768, when Provincial Grand Master Allen was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, there were elected Bro. James Hamilton, brother-in-law to William Allen, Bro. John Penn, son-in-law of William Allen, Bro. Joseph Shippen, jr., cousin of James Hamilton. The following members of St. John's Lodge, in addition to the above, were members of the American Philosophical Society:

Thomas Hopkinson, first president of the American Philosophical Society, 1743.

Benjamin Franklin, original member of the American Philosophical

In "Liber B" at the head of his account, commencing June 24, 1731, he is styled "Grandm'r," the inference being that he held that office during that year (1731). Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* for June 24, 1732, mentions his election as Grand Master for the coming year. Bro. Allen was afterwards appointed Provincial Grand Master, by Lord Byron, the Grand Master of England,⁷ in 1750, which office he is supposed to have held until the final disruption of the "Moderns." After the Revolution, Bro. William Allen returned to Philadelphia, and lived in retirement on his estate at Mount Airy, now the Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he ended his days in comparative obscurity, dying on September 6, 1780. He was buried quietly on the following day.⁸ The lane leading from his house to the Wissahickon still bears the name of "Allen's Lane," and has also given the name to a station on the Pennsylvania Railroad branch to Chestnut Hill.

1. WILLIAM BUTTON, presumably one of the founders and first Master of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia, as he heads the list of members in "Liber B" and is the first mentioned "Master" of the Lodge, is supposed to have been a seafaring man. On June 24, 1731, he is charged in the Lodge Ledger: "To 4 Lodge days [that is, 4 months dues] at 6d. per diem, due before you sailed to Newfoundland." A careful exam-

Society, 1743; elected member of the American Society for Promoting Useful Knowledge, February 19, 1768.

Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, elected member of American Philosophical Society, January 19, 1768; American Society, October 14, 1768.

Dr. Thomas Bond, original member of American Philosophical Society, 1743.

Philip Syng, elected member of American Philosophical Society, January 12, 1768.

⁷ Cf. Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," Section IX.

⁸ Cf. "Extracts from the Diary of Jacob Hiltzheimer," Philadelphia, 1893, p. 43.

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ination, by the present writer, of the old lists of clearances and arrivals during the years 1730 to 1732, in the ports of Philadelphia and New York, failed to substantiate the claim that Bro. William Button was a seafaring man; nor does he appear to have been a member of the Button family of New England. Bro. Button was evidently an English or Irish Mason, and a man of education and prominence, or he could not have been chosen as the head of the aristocratic St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia in 1730.

21. BINGHAM, JAMES, entrance fee charged, November 6, 1732.

Franklin in his "Journal" charges him with 1 shilling and 6 pence for "Binding a mason book."

James Bingham was in 1730 a City Assessor, and a member of Common Council in 1732. He was admitted to the Lodge, October 19, 1732, and elected Junior Grand Warden, June 24, 1733.

35. BOND, THOMAS, entrance fee charged, June 3, 1734.

Dr. Thomas Bond was born 1712, and died 1784. He became a member of the Lodge in 1734. He served for a short time as Deputy Grand Master during Franklin's incumbency in 1749, and as Junior Grand Warden in 1741, and as Senior Grand Warden in 1755. He was appointed Port Physician of Philadelphia in 1741; was a member of Common Council for many years, commencing in 1745; was vice-president of the American Philosophical Society, and in 1781 and 1782, delivered orations before the Society, in the State House. Dr. Bond and Dr. Franklin were the founders (in 1750) of the Pennsylvania Hospital, of which Franklin was the first secretary and second president.

8. BOUDE, THOMAS, was the fourth son of Grimstone Boude, who came to America near the close of the seventeenth cen-

tury, and settled in Perth Amboy, N. J. Thomas was born about 1700. He was a brickmason by trade and built the superstructure of Independence Hall, 1734.⁹ He was one of the founders of the First Lodge, its first Secretary—Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1732, Junior Grand Warden in 1738, and Deputy Grand Master in 1741. He served as Coroner of the City of Philadelphia from 1754 to 1757. He died in 1781. His brother Joseph was one of the early settlers in Lancaster, as was Thomas' eldest son, Samuel, who was a physician and very prominent man. His son, Thomas Boude, was a general in the Revolutionary War, and a personal friend of Washington.

40. BREINTNALL, JOSEPH, entrance fee charged, August 5, 1734, was one of the original members of Franklin's "Junto," He was also one of the founders of the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731, and for many years was secretary of the Company. Bro. Breintnall was High Sheriff of the City of Philadelphia from 1735 until 1738. Franklin in his "Autobiography" says of him that "he is a copyer of deeds for scriveners; a friendly, middle-aged man; a great lover of poetry, reading all he could meet with, and writing some that was tolerable; very ingenious in many little knick-knackereries, and of sensible conversation."

33. BROWNE, ISAAC, entrance fee charged, April 1, 1734.

Bro. Browne purchased two of Franklin's "Mason Books," (Anderson's "Constitutions") as soon as issued, one bound and gilt, and one unbound.¹⁰

47. CADWALADER, THOMAS, DOCTOR, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

⁹"Memorial Volume, Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, 1906, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Pennsylvania," p. 77.

¹⁰"Franklin's Account with the Lodge of Masons, 1731-1737," p. 17. [Cf. note, p. 37.]

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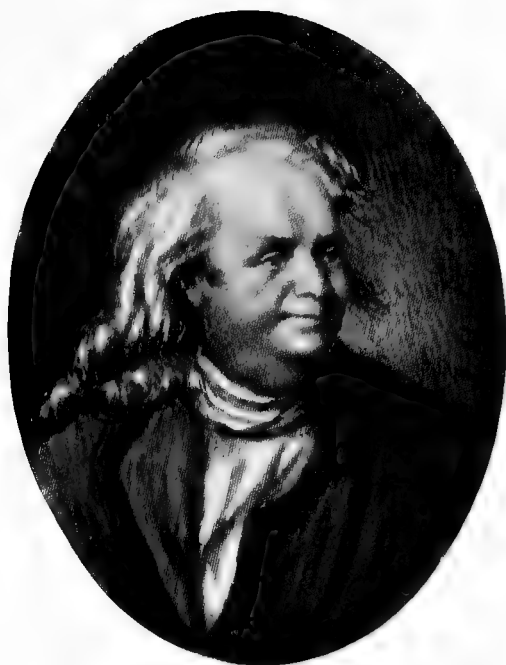
Bro. Thomas Cadwalader was born at Philadelphia in 1707. He began his career as a physician in Philadelphia, completing his studies in London, and returned to Philadelphia in 1731. He was one of the original incorporators and directors of the Philadelphia Library Company. Bro. Cadwalader was married June 18, 1738, and a week later was chosen Senior Grand Warden. Later, he settled in Trenton, N. J., and in 1746 was chosen first Burgess. In 1750, he returned to Philadelphia. In 1751, he became one of the original physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital. He was elected a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia, and served until 1774. In 1755, he was called to the Provincial Council. He was one of the original members of the American Philosophical Society. Dr. Cadwalader began his study of medicine under his uncle, Dr. Evan Jones, the principal factor in the Rees tragedy,^{10a} which took place just one week after Bro. Cadwalader's entrance into St. John's Lodge. During the Revolution, Bro. Cadwalader was a Whig and a patriot. He signed the "non-importation articles." In July, 1776, the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania appointed Dr. Cadwalader, with Drs. Bond, Rush and Shippen a committee for the examination of all the candidates who applied for the position of Surgeon in the Navy. In 1776, he was appointed a Medical Director of the Army Hospital, and in 1778 he succeeded Dr. William Shippen, the Ward Surgeon of the Pennsylvania Hospital. He died at Trenton, November 14, 1779, aged 72, where he was buried.

46. CARIO, MICHAEL, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

22. CRAPP, JOHN, entrance fee charged, March 5, 1732-33.

John Crapp was a son of the surgeon of the same name who came to Philadelphia during the earliest days of its

^{10a} "Memorial Volume, Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, 1906, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Pennsylvania," p. 98.



Your affectionate Brother
V. hum. Serv^t.

B. Franklin *Gill.*
Pennsylv^a.

settlement. Bro. Crapp was a cousin to Grand Masters Allen and Morrey, and also to the Shippens. He was a prominent citizen and builder. He died during his term as Deputy Grand Master, September 10, 1734.

24. CUFF, PETER, entrance fee charged, May 7, 1733.

Peter Cuff was a brewer in Philadelphia. He died shortly after joining the Lodge. His will was signed March 1, 1733/4, and proved May 18, 1734.

45. DEERING, WILLIAM, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

6. EMERSON, JOHN,

John Emerson was a prominent lawyer of the City of Philadelphia. On a leaf of the Continuance Docket of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, of June, 1775, there is a written list of "Departed Saints of the Law, with whom I have been at the Bar," and among them, opposite the year 1735, is "John Emerson." He was a member of St. John's Lodge in February, 1731.

10. FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN, remainder of entrance fee charged, June 24, 1731.

For Franklin's complete Masonic record, covering sixty years of his eventful life, see "Memorial Volume, Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, 1906, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., Pennsylvania"; also "Benjamin Franklin as a Freemason," by Bro. Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, 1906.

49. ESDAILE, THOMAS, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

29. EMERSON, LAMBERT, entrance fee charged, November 5, 1733.

16. HALL, JOHN, entrance fee charged, February 7, 1732.

32. HAMILTON, JAMES, Esq., entrance fee charged, April, 1734.

Bro. James Hamilton, son of Andrew Hamilton, Provincial Councillor and champion of the liberty of the press, was born

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at Bushhill in Philadelphia about 1710. He was Senior Grand Warden in 1734 and Grand Master in 1735, during which years he lived in Lancaster. He was elected to various offices in the Province: was Mayor of the City of Philadelphia in 1745; qualified in the Provincial Council January 17, 1745-46, after which he went to England and in 1748 returned with a commission as Lieutenant Governor, the first native to be appointed to that office. He died in New York, August 14, 1783, aged 73.¹¹

7 HART, THOMAS, Farmer.

4. HART, THOMAS (in town, late Warden).

Thomas Hart, one of the first Wardens of St. John's Lodge, was a bricklayer in the City of Philadelphia. He died in 1749. His will was signed August 1, 1749, and proved September 19, 1749. A wife and ten children survived him. (Book I, p. 213.)

14. HOBART, JOHN (also Hubart), entrance fee charged, June 24, 1731.

John Hobart (Hubbard or Hubard) was the proprietor of the "*Sun Tavern*" in Water Street, where the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania met in 1732, and elected William Allen, Grand Master. In 1734, he removed to the "*Sign of the Conestogoe Wagon*," on Market street, next to the White Horse. He was one of the original members of St. John's Lodge, and the last of the fourteen Brethren who are mentioned in "Liber B" as having paid dues from February, 1731. That St. John's Lodge met at Bro. Hubard's tavern in 1734, and possibly as late as 1737, is shown by the Ledger account in Franklin's "Journal"; a facsimile of the page was published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Penn-

¹¹ For a sketch of James Hamilton, vide Keith's "Provincial Councilors," p. 130 *et seq.*

Bro. Thomas Hopkinson

sylvania in 1898.¹² Under date of March 20, 1735, Franklin charges him with a "Mason book" for two shillings and 6 pence.

28. HOPKINSON, THOMAS, entrance fee charged, November 5, 1733.

Thomas Hopkinson was born in London, April 6, 1709. He studied law, and about 1731 emigrated to Pennsylvania. He was elected Junior Grand Warden June 24, 1734; Deputy Grand Master in 1735, and Grand Master in 1736. He was appointed Master of the Rolls, June 20, 1736; chosen Common Councilman, 1741; and became a member of the Provincial Council, May 13, 1747. He was one of the incorporators of the Philadelphia Library Company, one of the original trustees of the College (now the University of Pennsylvania), and the first president of the American Philosophical Society. In 1751 he is mentioned among the "Departed Saints of the Law." He married a niece of the Bishop of Worcester, was the father of Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the grandfather of Joseph Hopkinson, the author of our national song, "Hail Columbia." Bro. Hopkinson died in Philadelphia, November 5, 1751.

43. HOWELL, RICHARD, entrance fee charged, January 7, 1734.

48. HUMPHREY, DAVID, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

44. JONES, JOHN, attorney at law, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

John Jones in 1712 was a member of Common Council; 1729, Alderman; and in 1754 a Judge of the Orphans' Court. He was a member of the Philadelphia Bar in 1737, in which year he became a member of St. John's Lodge.

¹² Cf. also "Franklin's Account with the Lodge of Masons, 1731-1737," [Cf. note, p. 33.]

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12. JOYCE, MARK, Merchant, entrance fee charged, June 24, 1731.

50. LEWIS, HENRY, entrance fee charged, June 6, 1737.

Henry Lewis was a storekeeper in Philadelphia. His will was signed March 20, 1750/1, and proved July 28, 1750.

17. McCLANAN, SAMUEL, entrance fee charged, February 7, 1732.

A prominent Churchman, and a member of Christ Church.

20. MORREY, HUMPHREY, entrance fee charged, November 6, 1732.

Humphrey Morrey, chosen Grand Master, June 24, 1733, succeeding William Allen, was a grandson of Humphrey Morrey, the first Mayor of Philadelphia (1691), and a son of John Morrey. His mother was a granddaughter of Thomas Budd. The Morrey family were wealthy Quakers, who came from New York in 1685. The younger Humphrey, however, renounced Quakerism, and was baptized (when an adult) in the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He was a merchant and distiller. He was elected a member of St. John's Lodge in the fall of 1732. He was elected Grand Master at the Tun Tavern, Monday, June 25, 1733, succeeding Grand Master Allen. A banquet and Table Lodge followed the installation, at which Bro. Morrey was assisted by the Governor, the Hon. Patrick Gordon, the Hon. Richard Penn, Proprietor of the Province, Samuel Hazel, Esq., Mayor of the City, and several other persons of distinction.

He died between the sixth and thirteenth days of August, 1735, unmarried and without issue. From his will, dated November 7, 1732, it appears that Humphrey Morrey, William Allen, John Crapp, who served as Franklin's Deputy Grand Master, and the Shippens were cousins.¹³

¹³ *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, pp. 427-428.

5. NICHOLAS, SAMUEL,

Samuel Nicholas, a bricklayer in Philadelphia was one of the earliest members of St. John's Lodge. He died some time between October 18, 1734, and November 25, 1734, when his will was proved.

27. NEWINGHAM, JOHN (Nowenham), entrance fee charged, November 5, 1733.

Bro. Newingham also had Franklin bind a "Mason book" in full gilt, for which he paid 4 shillings.

26. OWEN, OWEN, entrance fee charged, July 2, 1733.

Owen Owen was High Sheriff of Philadelphia in 1726, and Coroner of the City from 1729 to 1741, in which latter year he died, while in office, and was buried in Christ Church burying ground, September 6, 1741. He kept the "Indian King Hotel, Market Street," where the Grand Lodge met from 1735 to 1741.

25. PARKHOUSE, RICHARD, entrance fee charged, May 7, 1733.

19. PARRY, DAVID, Entrance fee charged, March 6, 1732.

David Parry was a resident of Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, where in his younger days he taught school. He was a Presbyterian. His wife was the daughter of the first minister of the Abington Church. Bro. Parry died in the spring of 1747-48.¹⁴

23. PASCHAL, WILLIAM, entrance fee charged, April 2, 1733.

William Paschal lived in Chester County. A petition was presented to the Provincial Council, November 22, 1723, asking that a "high road be laid out from Wm. Paschal's on the the great Conestogoe Road to the Swedesford over the Schuylkill."

38. PLUMSTED, WILLIAM, entrance fee charged, July 1, 1734.

¹⁴"History of Chester County," Futhey & Cope, p. 675.

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William Plumsted was a son of Clement Plumsted, Provincial Councillor, and was born in Philadelphia, November 7, 1708. In 1724, he was taken abroad by his father. He became a Common Councilman of the city in 1739, and upon his return from a voyage to England in 1741, was suggested for the Provincial Council. He was chosen Register of Wills in 1735; 1748, Alderman; 1750, Judge of the Orphans' Court; 1754, Mayor of the City, and 1764, President Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions. He was chosen Senior Grand Warden in 1735; Deputy Grand Master in 1736; Grand Master in 1737; and Grand Treasurer in 1755. He renounced Quakerism, and became an Episcopalian, and was one of the founders of the St. Peter's Church at Third and Pine Streets, Philadelphia. He died, August 10, 1765, and was buried in St. Peter's churchyard.

11. PRATT, HENRY, remainder of entrance fee charged, June 24, 1731.

Henry Pratt was elected Senior Grand Warden in 1737. He served as Coroner of the City and County of Philadelphia from 1741 to 1748. In 1749, he kept the "Royal Standard Tavern" on the south side of Market Street east of Second Street. At the time it was the most aristocratic hostelry in the city. It was at the "Royal Standard" where Franklin opened his Grand Lodge under the Oxnard dispensation, from September 5, 1749, until March 13, 1750. He was one of the original members of St. John's Lodge.

9. PRINGLE, WILLIAM, one of the founders of Freemasonry in the Western World. Bro. Pringle was a member of the Established Church, and after his arrival in Philadelphia joined Christ Church. That he was a man of standing is shown by the fact of his intimate association with William Allen. He was evidently an English Freemason, and, as recorded in



JAMES HAMILTON
GRAND MASTER, 1736



THOMAS HOPKINSON
GRAND MASTER, 1738

“Liber B,” was Deputy Grand Master under William Allen in 1731 and 1732. But little is known of Bro. Pringle; he does not appear to have held any real estate in Philadelphia, as his name does not appear either as grantor or grantee in the Recorder of Deeds’ Office. The only records of him found after a long and thorough search are the baptisms of three children at Christ Church, viz., September 8, 1728, Samuel, son of William and Rachel Pringle, aged one week; July 11, 1731, John, aged two weeks; February 25, 1733, Hannah, aged ten days. There is a tradition that the Pringle family, about this time, went to South Carolina, which is strengthened by the fact that there is no will of William Pringle on record, nor were any letters of administration granted on his estate in Philadelphia.

37. PYEWELL, WILLIAM, entrance fee charged, June 3, 1734.

William Pyewell was a warden of Christ Church for the years 1735, 1740, 1742, 1751 and probably for a much longer period. Bro. Pyewell departed this life March 24, 1769, aged 84 years.

18. REYNOLDS, LAWRENCE, entrance fee charged, February 7, 1732.

Lawrence Reynolds was a member of the Lancaster County family of that name. Franklin in his “Journal” mentions the fact that he sent six “Constitutions” to Lancaster by him, which in his ledger he omits to charge.

36. ROBINSON, JOHN, “Atty. Law,” entrance fee charged, June 3, 1734.

John Robinson was a member of the Bar of New Castle (Delaware) in 1734, is recorded among the “Departed Saints of the Law,” and died in 1751.

39. ROBINSON, SEPTIMUS, entrance fee charged, July 1, 1734.

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Septimus Robinson, in 1732, was High Sheriff of the City of Philadelphia; 1742, Judge of the Orphans' Court; from 1743 to 1751, a member of Common Council; 1745, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; in 1749, 1752 and 1764, Alderman; and in 1765, President Judge of the Common Pleas.

13. RODMAN (REDMAN) THOMAS, entrance fee charged, June 24, 1731.

Thomas Redman, one of the early members of the Lodge, was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia from 1715 to 1723, and City Surveyor from 1712 to 1725.

42. ROLFE, JOSIAH, entrance fee charged, November 7, 1734.

Josiah Rolfe was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1715; in 1723, a member of the Provincial Council; and sole Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court in Philadelphia in 1724.

30. ROUTH, CHRISTOPHER, entrance fee charged, November 19, 1733.

Christopher Routh was an innholder, or tavern-keeper in Philadelphia. He died in the week between April 22 and April 29, 1738.

34. SHIPPEN, JOSEPH, entrance fee charged, May 6, 1734.

The Joseph Shippen here mentioned was undoubtedly Joseph Shippen, Jr., born November 28, 1706, a son of Joseph Shippen, a son of the president of the Provincial Council and first Mayor of Philadelphia under Penn's Charter of October 25, 1701. He went in the family by the name of "Gentleman Joe." He served as Junior Grand Warden in 1735, Senior Grand Warden in 1736, Deputy Grand Master in 1737, Grand Master in 1738. He was elected October 5, 1742, to the City Council in which he served for many years. In 1755, he again served as Junior Grand Warden. He subsequently removed to Germantown. He died in 1793, and was buried in Christ Church burying ground.

Bro. Philip Syng

41. SYNG, PHILIP, entrance fee charged, November 7, 1734.

Philip Syng, born in Ireland, September 29, 1703. He sailed with his father (a goldsmith) from Bristol, England, arriving at Philadelphia, July 14, 1714, where he learned the trade of silversmith, married Elizabeth Warner in 1730, and



SILHOUETTE OF BRO. PHILIP SYNG.

there spent the remainder of his days. Bro. Syng held the following positions and offices:

1. Original member of the Philadelphia Library Company.
2. Original member of American Philosophical Society.
3. Vestryman of Christ Church (1747-1749).
4. Promoter of the Association Battery (1748).
5. Warden of the Port (1753).
6. Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia from 1759 to 1769.
7. Trustee of the Academy from its foundation until 1773.
8. Provincial Commissioner of Appeals (1765).
9. Member of Franklin's Junto.
10. Contributor to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

He became a member of St. John's Lodge in 1734, Junior Grand Warden in 1737, Deputy Grand Master in 1738, and Grand Master in 1741. He died in 1789 and was buried in

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Christ Church ground. Bro. Syng was an expert artisan and made the silver inkstand (still preserved in Independence Hall), used by the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He lived and had his shop on the west side of Front Street, a few doors below the coffee house.

31. WAUGH, JOHN, CAPT., entrance fee charged, January 19, 1733.

15. WHITEMARSH, THOMAS, entrance fee charged, July 5, 1731.

Bro. Thomas Whitmarsh was a printer, and was employed in Franklin's office, which he left September 9, 1731, for Charleston, S. C., with an equipment for a printing office to be established there. It is to Bro. Whitmarsh that we may trace the introduction of Freemasonry in South Carolina. Bro. Whitmarsh evidently did not survive the climate, and Louis Timothee was sent some years later by Franklin to take charge of the office, and it was to him that Franklin's "Constitutions" were sent, August, 1734.

Our late R. W. Past Grand Master Brother Clifford P. MacCalla, in an article published in his paper, *The Keystone*, thus classifies the membership of St. John's Lodge:

"Eight of them were members of the American Philosophical Society, viz., Bros. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Dr. Thomas Bond, Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, William Allen, Thomas Hopkinson, Philip Syng, Joseph Shippen, and James Hamilton. Eight scientists out of a possible twenty-three, is a large proportion. Now let us examine the list in other relations.

"Nine of the twenty-three members were lawyers, viz., Bros. William Allen, John Emerson, Thomas Hopkinson, James Hamilton, John Robinson, William Plumsted, Septimus Robinson, Josiah Rolfe and John Jones.

"Seven were Judges, viz., Bros. Wm. Allen, Dr. Franklin, Thomas Hopkinson, Wm. Plumsted, Septimus Robinson, Josiah Rolfe and John Jones.

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"Four were Mayors of Philadelphia, viz., Bros. William 'Allen, Humphrey Murray, James Hamilton and Wm. Plumsted.

"Two were High Sheriffs, viz., Bros. Owen Owen and Joseph Breintnall.

"Two were Physicians, viz., Dr. Thomas Bond and Dr. Thos. Cadwalader.

"Two were Coroners, viz., Thomas Boude and Henry Pratt.

"Two were Governors of Pennsylvania, viz., Bro. James Hamilton and Dr. Franklin.

"Is there any Lodge in the world, to-day, that out of twenty-three Brethren, taken from a membership of fifty, can present a showing better than, or equal to, the above, in able, distinguished and useful men, men of education, political, social and moral worth?"

In addition to the names given in "Liber B," the following Brethren appear to have been members of St. John's Lodge, (the names have been gleaned from the various lists in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

IV. FROM THE ORIGINAL SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR THE ERECTION OF FREEMASON'S HALL, MARCH 13, 1754.

BELL, JOHN, subscribed £15 0 0.

DONELLY, WILLIAM, subscribed £15 0 0.

ELLIOTT, ANDREW, entered February 19, 1752, member March 18, subscribed £15 0 0—unpaid. Left the State for political reasons.

ELWES, HENRY, subscribed £15 0 0.

FRANCIS, JONAH, subscribed £15 0 0.

FRANKLIN, WILLIAM, subscribed £15 0 0—unpaid. Left the State for political reasons.

FOULKE, JUDAH, entered February 19, 1752. March 18, passed April 15, raised August 4, 1752.

HAMILTON, ALEXANDER, subscribed £25 0 0.

HILL, RICHARD, Jr., subscribed £15 0 0.

HILLEGASS, MICHAEL, subscribed £15 0 0.

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HUMPHREYS, CHARLES, subscribed £15 0 0.

HUSTON, ALEXANDER, merchant, subscribed £20 0 0.

KIDD, JOHN, subscribed £15 0 0.

LAWRENCE, THOMAS, Jr., subscribed £15 0 0. Son of the Councillor—born April 16, 1720; baptized in Christ Church April 24; Common Councilman, Oct. 4, 1748; Vendue Master, 1752–1756; Alderman, 1755; Mayor, 1758–1764; died January 21, 1775, buried in Christ Church.

LUNAN, ALEXANDER, subscribed £15 0 0.

McILVAINE, DAVID, subscribed £15 0 0.

MAHER, JOHN, Jr., subscribed £15 0 0. Worshipful Master 1752.

MIFFLIN, SAMUEL, subscribed £15 0 0.

MOORE, WILLIAM, subscribed £15 0 0.

OSBORNE, ROBERT, subscribed £15 0 0.

ROBERDEAU, DANIEL, subscribed £15 0 0.

SCHURZ (SCHURTZ), CONRAD, subscribed £15 0 0.

SHIPPEN, EDWARD, Jr., subscribed £15 0 0. Member of the Provincial Council. Born Philadelphia, February 16, 1728–9; baptized in the First Presbyterian Church, March 1, 1728–9, studied law. November 22, 1752, appointed Judge of the Admiralty Court. Died at Philadelphia, May 28, 1794. Buried May 29, in Christ Church.

SMITH, ROBERT, subscribed £15 0 0.

STEDMAN, CHARLES, subscribed £15 0 0. Came to Philadelphia about 1748, as captain of a vessel, and settled there as a merchant. For several years a Councilman and Justice of the County. He died, September 28, 1784, aged 71 years.

SWIFT, JOHN, subscribed £15 0 0.

TROTTER, JAMES, subscribed £15 0 0.

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TRUE, BENJAMIN, subscribed £15 0 0.

WALLACE, JAMES, subscribed £15 0 0.

WALLACE, JOHN, subscribed £15 0 0.

WHITE, TOWNSEND, subscribed £15 0 0.

ADDITIONAL NAMES FROM QUARTERAGE ACCOUNT OF THE LODGE DATED JUNE, 1752.

BATHO, CHARLES.

BURD, JAMES, born Orniston, Sco., March 10, 1726. Married Sarah Shippen, Philadelphia, May 14, 1748. Lieutenant Colonel, Provincial Regiment, 1755; Colonel, December 3, 1757. September 18, 1775, Colonel, Second Battalion Pennsylvania Troop. Died at "Tinian," near Harrisburg, October 5, 1793.

BYLES, DANIEL.

CARMICK, STEPHEN. Brother Stephen Carmick was born about 1719, and was the son of Peter Carmick, an early settler of Salem, N. J. He came to Philadelphia, and married Anna Christina Cock. He was a merchant, and a member of Christ Church. His store and residence were on the east side of Water Street, third door above Market Street, the lot extending eastward into the Delaware River. From different advertisements in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, it appears that he was an importer of dry goods, cutlery, etc., and long lists of his stock are given, sometimes including pewter and brass articles. He was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia. The last meeting at which his name is given as being present, was that of October 5, 1773. He died June 26, 1774, aged 55 years, and lies buried in Christ Church burying ground.

Owing to the similarity of names, it has been a question

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just what relation these Carmicks were to Thomas Carmick, whose copy of the "Constitutions of St. John's Lodge," dated 1727, we now have in the Archives of our Grand Lodge. Every effort made thus far to trace the writer of the "Constitutions" has thus far ended in failure.

DAVY, HUGH.

DOWELL, WILLIAM.

ELLIS, ROBERT.

KEARSLEY, JOHN.

LINDSAY, JAMES.

LOUITT, JAMES.

OSBORN, GEORGE L.

PALMER, DAVID, entered February 19, 1752; member March 18, 1752.

PALMER, SAMUEL, son-in-law and kinsman of Anthony Palmer, after whose death he married the widow. It was the Palmer family who deeded the ground for burial purposes in Kensington known as the "Palmer Ground."

POLGREEN, JAMES, member of First Lodge. It was to Bro. Polgreen that Franklin granted a warrant for a Lodge at the first meeting of Franklin's Grand Lodge, September 5, 1749, of which no trace has thus far been found.

The Polgreens (Polegreens—Pollgreen) were early members of Christ Church. Thomas Polegreen, evidently the father of Joseph, appears as a vestryman of Christ Church as early as 1723;¹⁵ he died July 21, 1730. There is no further record of Joseph Polgreen.

POTTS, STEPHEN.

PRICE, BENJAMIN, entered February 19, 1752; member, March 18; passed, April 15, raised, August 4, 1752.

RAY, ALEXANDER, elected a member, February 19, 1752.

¹⁵ *Protestant Episcopal and Church Register*, vol. IX, p. 215.

Debts due the Lodge

SMITH, GEORGE.

STOCKER, ANTHONY.

ADDITIONAL NAMES FOUND ON THE LIST OF SOME DEBTS DUE
TO THE LODGE FOR MAKING, RAISING AND MEMBERSHIPS,
DELIVERED BY THE COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS TO THE
TYLER, OCTOBER 10, 1752, IN ORDER TO RAISE
A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE IMMEDIATE RE-
LIEF OF A DISTRESSED BROTHER:

CURRY, DANIEL, made a Mason, April 15, 1752; passed, July
14; raised, August 4, 1752.

HILLIER, CAPT., Fellow-Craft, April 15, 1752.

READ, J., made a Mason, February 19, 1752.

NAMES FROM THE LIST OF SURVIVORS, MARCH 11, 1782.

CLARKSON, MATTHEW.

FRANCIS, TENCH.

PENN, HON. JOHN.

SMITH, REV. WILLIAM.

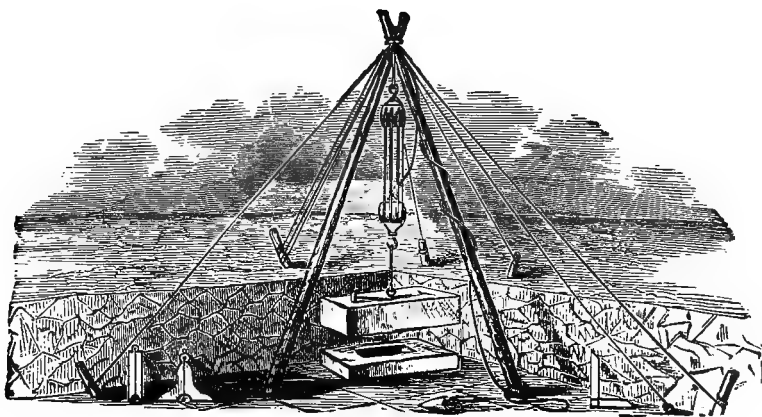
The surviving members of the original Grand Lodge ("Moderns") and "First Lodge," maintained the semblance of an organization until after the Revolution, as the property in Lodge Alley was vested in that body. The old Freemason's Lodge was finally sold at public sale, October 1, 1785. The proceeds, it appears, remained in the hands of the trustees appointed by the Assembly,¹⁶ Bros. Edward Shippen and John Swift, until July 23, 1793, when it was given to the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia for the purpose of supplying

¹⁶ Vide Act of September 6, 1785, Statutes-at-Large of Pennsylvania, Vol. XII, pp. 20-23, and "First Report of Board of City Trusts," Philadelphia.

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out of the interest thereof fuel for the poor in the winter season. This fund is known as the City Fuel Fund.

It appears that at the time there were still alive, in addition to the above trustees, these members of the "First Lodge"—Brothers Michael Hillegass, Tench Francis, John Penn and William Smith.

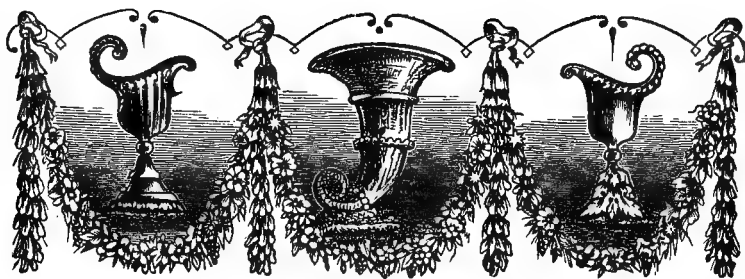




WILLIAM PLUMSTEAD.
GRAND MASTER, 1737

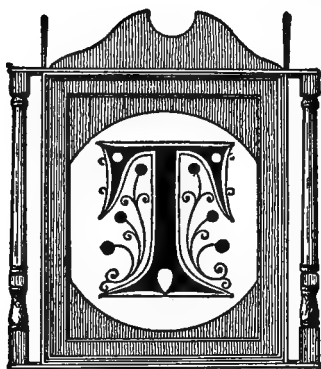


JOSEPH SHIPPEN
GRAND MASTER, 1738



CHAPTER III.

VICISSITUDES OF THE EARLY BRETHREN, 1737 TO 1749.



THE unfortunate conditions resulting from the act, in the year 1737, of several unscrupulous persons in Philadelphia who were not members of the Fraternity, cast the first shadow upon Freemasonry in America. This was caused by these impostors pretending to be Freemasons, and agreeing to make an unsuspecting youth, Daniel Reese by name, a Mason, who thereby became the innocent victim of their practical joke, which resulted in his subsequent death. This crime caused more or less excitement in our infant colony and it was some years before its effect was entirely overcome. It became a matter for acrimonious discussion between Bradford's *Mercury* and Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, the two rival newspapers in Philadelphia. Legal proceedings resulted; sides were taken, and the episode became one more or less of a political issue.

The feeling at the time became so strong that the Grand Lodge felt constrained publicly to disavow any connection with the diabolical act committed under the guise of Free-

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masonry. The following card appeared in the advertising columns of two issues of Franklin's paper.¹

Penna. ss. Hopkinson, Grand Master.

WHEREAS, some ill-disposed Persons in this City assuming the name of *Free-Masons*, have for some years past imposed upon several well-meaning People, who desirous of becoming Brethren, persuading them, after they had performed certain ridiculous Ceremonies, that they were really become Free-Masons, and have lately, under the pretense of making a Young Man a *Mason*, caused his Death, as 'tis said, by Purging, Vomiting, Burning, and the Terror for certain horrid and diabolical rites: It is thought proper, for preventing such Impositions for the future, and to avoid any unjust Aspersions that may be thrown on the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity on this Account, either in this city or any other Part of the World, to publish this Advertisement, declaring the abhorance of all true Brethren to such Practices in general, and their Innocence of this Fact in particuler: and that the Persons concerned in this wicked action are not of our Society, nor of any Society of *Free and Accepted Masons*, to our Knowledge or Belief.

Signed in Behalf of all the Members of St. John's Lodge at Philadelphia the 16th day of June, 1737.

THOMAS HOPKINSON, *Grand Master*
WILL. PLUMSTED, *Deputy Master*.
JOSEPH SHIPPEN } *Grand Wardens*.
HENRY PRATT }

An extended account of this episode is set forth by the present writer in the Memorial Volume of the "Franklin Bicentenary Celebration 1906," published by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, pp. 97-119.

This affair and the subsequent excitement for a time materially affected the popularity of Freemasonry in Philadelphia. Meetings of the Grand Lodge were, however, held. Franklin notes the meetings in 1737, 1738 and 1741; notices for 1739 and 1740 are missing; but, from a comparison of the succession of officers in the subjoined list, it would appear that

¹ *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 445, June 16 to 25, 1737.

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the Grand Officers elected in 1738 held over until the election in 1741 as noted.

After the notice of June 24, 1741, no mention relating to Freemasonry appeared in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* for a number of years. Even in the obituary of Col. Daniel Coxe² no mention is made of his connection with Freemasonry.

Although the popularity of Freemasonry in Philadelphia was materially affected for several years after the Reese incident in 1737, the Fraternity was by no means dormant, as shown by later evidence, wherein we find that all of the prominent Brethren of the First or St. John's Lodge were still active Freemasons, when the building of a Freemasons' Hall was projected.

There is, however, an absolute void of documentary evidence of Masonic life in Philadelphia during the years 1739-1740, and from 1742 until 1749, the year when Franklin retired from active business as a printer. That Franklin, during these years, kept more or less in touch with Freemasonry, appears from the records of St. John's Lodge in Boston, which show that he attended that Lodge Wednesday, May 25, 1743.

This intercourse resulted in Franklin receiving from Thomas Oxnard (who had been appointed, in 1742, Grand Master for North America), an appointment, dated July 10, 1749, as Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania. When this appointment became known to the Brethren, it caused considerable discussion. The opinion naturally went abroad in the community that Franklin's appointment was legitimate, and superseded the old Grand Lodge, and one of the results of this opinion is shown by an entry in the Minutes of the Tun Tavern Lodge (Lodge No. 3), under date of August 29, 1749,

² *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 541, April 19-26, 1739.

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where "Bro. Mullen moved that a Petition be sent to Mr. Benj. Franklin, Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to grant us a Deputation under his sanction."

"The Master appointed Bro. Vidal, Corffe and Mullane to draw up the same and to present it." No action was, however, taken upon this resolution, as far as the record shows.

Franklin, after receiving his warrant from Oxnard, proceeded without delay to appoint his officers, all being former members of the Grand Lodge, and opened a Grand Lodge under this deputation. The first regular meeting was held at the *Royal Standard Tavern*, on Market Street above Second, September 5, 1749. On this occasion a warrant, it appears, was granted to James Pogreen and others to hold Lodge in Philadelphia.*

There is, however, no evidence to show that any Lodge was ever opened in Philadelphia under this warrant.

That the action of Franklin was not satisfactory to the Brethren in Pennsylvania, is shown by the fact that steps were at once taken to nullify this action of Provincial Grand Master Oxnard of Massachusetts. An appeal was made forthwith to the Masonic authorities in London, which resulted in a direct appointment of William Allen as Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania by the Grand Master of England, William Lord Byron, Baron of Rochdale in the County of Lancaster.

Although it is stated that the organization under Franklin held regular meetings until March 13, 1750, there is no documentary evidence known relative to the work of the Grand Lodge under the Oxnard dispensation, or of any Lodge opened under the warrant granted by Franklin to James Pogreen.

* Cf. "The Picture of Philadelphia," by James Mease, M.D., Philadelphia, 1811, pp. 288-292; for a full explanation of this action upon the part of Franklin, see introduction to chapter IV, on Lodge No. 2, p. 59 *infra*.

“Protest” and “Remarks”

The action of Franklin in procuring the appointment of Provincial Grand Master above mentioned under the patronage of Oxnard, may have been a part of his scheme to supplant William Allen in the public favor, and but one of the moves by which he hoped to further his political ambition. The feud which began some years later between Allen and the Philadelphia printer, who had been virtually a protégé of the former, culminated in the “Protest,” sent by William Allen and some of the leading citizens to the Assembly, October, 1764, against sending Franklin as an agent of the Province at the Court of Great Britain. This led to the publication, by Franklin, November 5, 1764, of “Remarks on a Late Protest,” in which he makes a strong personal attack on William Allen; which in turn brought forth a lengthy “Answer to Mr. Franklin’s Remarks on a late Protest,”⁴ wherein it is stated:⁵

“The gentleman [Wm. Allen] I presume, does not pretend an exemption from human failings. His open and candid temper may have led him more than once to rely too easily on the professions of false and insidious men; and he is, in no instance, more chargeable with this, than in what he has done for this ungrateful incendiary, [Franklin] who probably, had never been of consideration enough to give the least disturbance to this province, but for the numerous favors so ill bestowed upon him by this Gentleman [Wm. Allen] and his friends. They were the persons who first raised him from his original obscurity, and got him appointed *Printer* to the province, and *Clerk* to the House of Assembly. Not resting here, the gentleman, [Wm. Allen] whom he had so grossly vilified, did likewise procure him the joint-postmaster of America, by means of his namesake, the worthy Ralph Allen, Esq., of *Bath*, to whom this Remarker was utterly unknown.”⁶

[The names in the brackets were inserted by the present writer; they are not in the original.]

⁴Note attributed to Rev. William Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary. Cf. The Bird papers by Lewis B. Walker, N. P., 1897, p. 4.

⁵*Ibid.*, p. 120.

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At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at the Royal Standard, March 13, 1750, William Allen, then the Recorder of the City of Philadelphia, entered the meeting, and presented his deputation from the Grand Master of England, which was at once recognized, and William Allen forthwith took his station as Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, reducing Franklin to the Deputyship, and approving all of the other officers, with the exception of Dr. Thomas Bond, who was subsequently elected Senior Grand Warden.

From these conditions it would appear that our Grand Lodge for the time being ceased to be an independent Grand Lodge, and henceforth became a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England. There are, it may be said, no records known of reports of any kind being made to the Grand Lodge of England, and the appointment of William Allen as Provincial Grand Master by Lord Byron, Baron of Rochdale, was a purely personal matter.

That the appointment of William Allen as Provincial Grand Master in 1750, gave a fresh impetus to the Brethren, is shown by the flourishing condition of the two Lodges, whose records we have; also by the efforts of the Brethren to obtain a home of their own—a "Lodge House", where they could assemble and be free from the surroundings of a tavern—efforts which culminated in the purchase of a lot of ground on the south side of Norris Alley, north of Walnut and west of Second Street, whereon they built a substantial brick building for Masonic purposes, the first Masonic Hall in the Western World. This building was locally known as "The Lodge House," "Masons' Lodge" and "Freemasons' Hall." The original subscription list is still preserved in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and reads as follows:

"WHEREAS at a meeting of the Grand and First Lodges, on Thurs-

Freemason's Hall

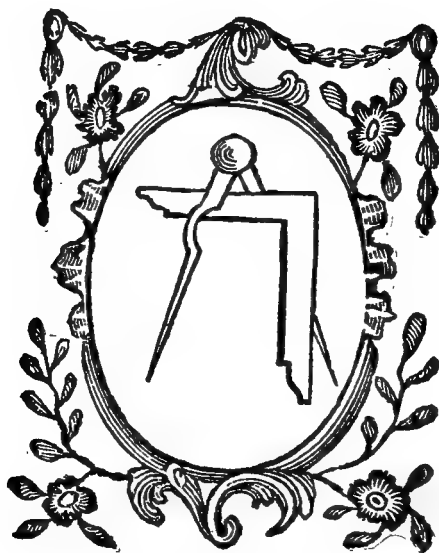
day, the 12th day of March, 1752, a Committee was then appointed and fully authorized to look out for a suitable Lot whereon to erect a Building for the Accommodation of the said Lodges, Philadelphia Assembly, and other uses; and to take such Deed for it in their Names, for the Use and Behalf of the aforesaid Grand and First Lodges as they shall be advised to by Council learned in the Law; and to do such other Things for the carrying on and compleating the same, and letting it out when finished as in and by the Minutes of that Meeting they are directed to do. *And whereas* the said Committee have in Pursuance thereof made a Report to the Grand and First Lodges (who met for that Purpose on Saturday the 23d of February last) of a certain Lot, which was unanimously approved of by the said Lodges, who Did then in full Confidence of the Honor and Integrity of the said Committee, confirm the Authoritys given to them in 1752, and enjoined them to take proper measures for purchasing the said Lot, and erecting the proposed Building as soon as conveniently may be. *Now We* the Subscribers, being willing to promote the aforementioned laudable undertaking, (as we think it will not only tend to the establishing our particular Society on a lasting Foundation and enable us further to extend our Charity to the Distressed among Masons, but also to be of general Service to the Inhabitants of this City, who have frequent occasion for a Building of the Kind proposed to be erected) *Do* therefore agree to advance and pay to Messrs. Samuel Mifflin and John Swift, towards defraying the Expenses thereof, the Sums annexed to our respective Names on Demand: Saving to us, our Heirs, Executors, or Assigns; the Right of being fully *repaid* by the persons who shall from time to time have the said Building in Trust as aforesaid, in the Manner directed by the Minutes inserted in the Minute Book of the first Lodge on the 12th day of March, 1752. *Vizt.* Out of the first Moneys arising from the said "Building after all Expenses are paid in Proportion to the several Sums lent."

Wor. Ma. John Maher, Jun.	Michl. Hillegas	£15
Daniel Roberdeau	John Bell	£15
Jonah Francis, Junr.	Wm. Franklin	£15
John Swift for	Daniel Roberdeau	£15
Richd. Hill, Junr.	Sam. Mifflin	£15
James Trotter	Judah Foulke	£15
Wm. Moore	Henry Elwes	£15
Robt. Osborne	Robt. Smith	£15
Tho. Lawrence, Jr.	John Swift	£15

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John Wallace, for self and	Townsend White	£15
Alex. Hamilton	Charles Stedman	£15
Edw. Shippen, Jr.	John Kidd	£15
Wm. Donnelly	Alex. Huston	£20
James Wallace	James Hamilton	£50
Andrew Elliot	Will Allen	£50
Conrad Schurz	B. Franklin	£20
Benj. True	Wm. Plumsted	£25
Chas. Humphreys	Thos. Cadwalader	£15
David McIlvaine	Thomas Bond	£15
Alexr. Lunan	Thos. Boude	£15
	Thomas Hart	£15

For a full history of the dedication, vicissitudes and eventual disposition of this historic Building, the reader is referred to "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Volumes I and II, before quoted.



Right Worshipful Brethren

This accompanies our Brother, W^m James Harding, by whom we present upon our Love and Respects, hoping Philadelphia people the Tenourable Credit upon Health and Prosperity

We having a due regard for our Brother W^m James Harding the Master here, hope, you will accept him as we who has sent this the Three Degrees of Masonry and appeared as a worthy of your regard whenever inspired which we testify, he has regularly admitted, and become a Member of our Lodge. We therefore desire you'll do him whatever service lies in your Power which we shall return as soon as possible and embrace every Opportunity to return the kindness being

Worthy Brethren

From

The Lodge House in Lodge Alley
Philadelphia

the 6th of September
5756.

J: Allicocke Secretary

To
The Master, Wardens and Brethren
of any Constituted Lodge
To whom these may come

Some Loving Brethren and most Noble Servants

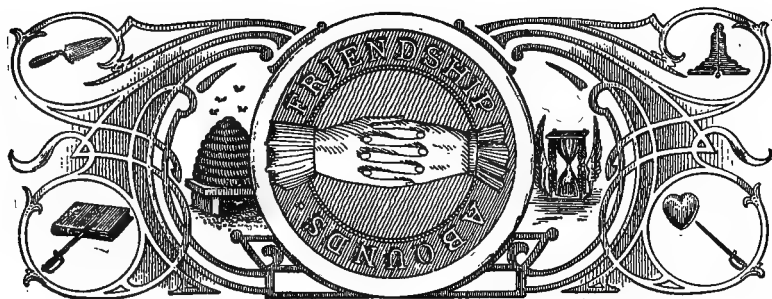
William Smith Master

Wm. G. Warden

William Gristlin J: Warden

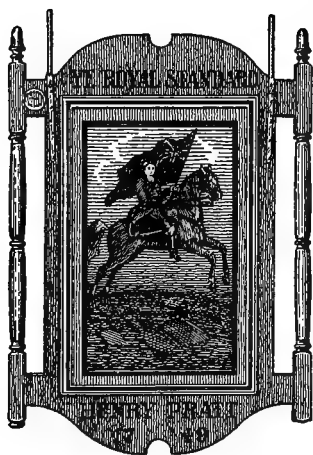
BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST AMERICAN MASONIC CERTIFICATE.

ISSUED TO BRO. JAMES HARDING BY PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 2, "MODERNS," SEPTEMBER 6, A.L. 5756, A.D. 1756.



CHAPTER IV.

THE SECOND LODGE OF THE "MODERNS," PHILADELPHIA, NO. 2.



HERETOFORE it has been assumed by Masonic historians down to the present writer that this was the Lodge warranted by Franklin, September 5, 1749, when he secured the Grand Mastership under a dispensation from Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of New England.¹ The only basis for this belief was the statement in Mease's "Picture of Philadelphia," published

in Philadelphia, 1811, that a warrant was granted to James Pogreen and others, to hold a Lodge in Philadelphia. As a matter of fact, James Pogreen or Polgreen was a member of St. John's or the "First" Lodge; his name nowhere appears

¹"On the 10th July, 1749, Thomas Oxnard, Esq., appointed Benjamin Franklin, esq., Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with authority to appoint the other Grand Officers, hold a Grand Lodge, issue warrants, &c." Cf. "The Picture of Philadelphia," by James Mease, M.D., p. 289.

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in the registers of the Second Lodge in our possession, which are here reproduced; nor is there any record, as before stated, that any Lodge was ever erected under any such warrant.

The granting of such warrant by Franklin to Pogreen and others, as stated by Mease, possibly referred to St. John's or the "First" Lodge, which it is believed was formed according to the Ancient Custom and Usage, and consequently had no written warrant.

Again referring to Mease's account of the "Society of Masons," he is in error where he states that the Pogreen warrant was signed by "William, Lord Byron, Baron of Rochdale."^{1a} It was Provincial Grand Master William Allen's warrant superceding Franklin, that was signed by Lord Byron, Grand Master of England.

That neither the Second (Philadelphia, No. 2) nor the Third (Tun Tavern) Lodges was erected under a warrant granted by Franklin during his short term as Provincial Grand Master, is shown by documentary evidence dating prior to his opening a Grand Lodge under the Oxnard appointment.

Of this ancient Lodge (Philadelphia, No. 2) we are fortunate in having the Treasurer's Ledger with entries beginning December 27, 1749, and ending with December 27, 1763. From this book the list of members and their Masonic record given below has been made.

There are also in the Archives of the Grand Lodge, three Masonic Certificates issued by the Lodge, which are among the oldest known American Masonic individual documents.

The certificates with the seal of the Lodge attached are:

Certificate of Brother James Harding,^{1b} dated from the Lodge

^{1a} "Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," p. xxvi. Also "The Picture of Philadelphia," by Mease, p. 290.

^{1b} Vide facsimile facing p. 59. This certificate is two years older than the oldest certificate preserved in Massachusetts.

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House in Lodge Alley, Philadelphia, No. 2, the 6th of September, 5756, signed by William Shute, W. M.; Wm. Clampffer, S. W.; William Ghiselin, J. W.; J. Allicocke, Secretary, P. T.

Certificate of Bro. Thomas Brice, Given March 31, Anno Mundi, 5762, Signed by Wm. Clampffer, W. M.; John Williams Neering, S. W.; Robert Carson, J. W.; William Ghiselin, Treasurer, Emanuel Rouse, P. M.; James Johnston, Secretary.

Certificate of Bro. John Phillips, Given April 16, Anno Mundi, 5765. Signed by William Shute, W. M.; John Williams Neering, S. W.; William Pollard, J. W.; Ephriam Bonham, Treasurer; Wm. Ghiselin, P. M.; W. Ayers, Secretary; and the following Brethren John Ladd Howell. Thomas Clarke, Jacob Carman, John Hill, Jr.

There is also a bill for tiling the Lodge, dated December 30, 1753, and sundry other papers, among which are the following Tavern bill and order:

"Received 25th July, 1753, the Contents mentioned in the within account in full to this day. "WM. BIDDLE.

"Endorsed Tavern bill against

Masonic Society

The amount of bill was £4.0.0"

"Philadelphia. 15th July, 1755.

"Please pay the Bearer, Mr. Emanuel Rouse nine Pounds Twelve Shillings, agreeable to the Determination of the Lodge No. 2 met last night, and charge the same to the Lodges account and you'll Oblige "THO. MCJANETT

"To

"Mr. Glover Hunt, Treasurer
of Lodge No. 2

"Rec'd the above Order in full

"EMANUEL ROUSE."

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The title of the old Ledger is:

THE TREASURER'S BOOK

Endorsement on inside Cover:

"Received from Mrs. Bonham, widow of Brother Ephraim Bonham,

"October, 1790.

"J. B. SMITH"^{1b}

The following excerpts from entries in this old volume will give us some little insight into the activities and life of this old Lodge:

Thomas Fisher² appears to have been the Treasurer in 1749, and we have an entry under date—

"December 27, Cash paid for lace to Saml. Harell £1.5.10."

Fisher appears to have been succeeded by Joseph Warner, in 1751, from whose account the following interesting items are copied:

1751

June 24	By Cash payd for St. John's Day.....	£10 10 3
Aug. 28	By Cash payd the Tyler.....	1 15 0
	By Cash payd Wm. Franklin as per Rec'd	2 11 0
	By Cash payd for Wafers	2 6
	By Cash payd for a Throne.....	7 6
Dec. 27	By Cash payd for St. John's Day	4 15 9

1752

Feby. 12	By Cash payd for Glasses	9 0
	By Cash payd Brother Skinner for Seal & Laddle	5 7 0
	By Cash payd for Notises	1 4 0

Bro. Warner was succeeded by Bro. Ephraim Bonham:
who on June 24, 1752 paid cash for St. Johns Day.....£ 4 10 2

^{1b} Jonathan Bayard Smith, R. W. Grand Master.

² Treasurer's Ledger, Lodge No. 2 "Moderns" in Archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, pp. 3-30.

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Dec. 27 Paid the Tiler Job Watson being all that was due to him to this date.....	3 7 6
Dec. 28 Cash paid William Bittel (Biddle) for expenses of St. John's Day	10 3 0

The next Treasurer was Glover Hunt³ who on June 24th, 1754 paid William Biddle £4.17.8

It appears that the Lodge met and feasted at Biddle's Inn on Market Street, known as the "Fountain Inn;" after an audit of Biddle's accounts, we find the following entry upon the Debit side of the Ledger:

"To an error found in William Biddle's accounts which should not have been charged to ye credit of his accounts, the same being paid by George Arnold & the members of the Lodge met that Day, July 25, 1754."

1754

Sept. 10 Cr. William Biddle at Setl'g of ye booke.....	0 3 0
By 2 Dozen Glasses—100 Quills—1 box wafers...	1 11 0

1755

Feby. 25 By Cash paid for lock on the closet	0 5 0
July 15 By Cash paid Emanuel Rouse	9 12 0
By Cash paid Emanuel Rouse	2 16 7

1756

Feby. 26 By Cash paid John Swift rent (Freemasons Lodge)	10 0 0
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Bro. John Bayly⁴ appears to have followed Bro. Hunt as Treasurer of the Lodge, December 27, 1756, from his various Credits on his Ledger the following items of interest are selected:

1757

Paid James Chattin for 1000 Tickets.....	1 5 0
Nov. 1 To William Shute for 3lb. Candles	2 3
Aug. 30 To John Swift for house rent (Freemasons) Lodge	10 0 0
Dec. 20 Jewels	12 1 0

³ *Ibid.*, pp. 13, 48 *et seq.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 26 *et seq.*

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1758

June 20 To One quire paper	1 6
June 24 To Cash pd. for House rent.....	10 0 0

1759

May 14 Paid Evan Morgan for a Qr. Cask & ½ of wine...	15 0 0
By Cash sometime ago for Spirits	3 6
December Cash paid Henry Keppele for a Qr. Cask of wine	12 10 0

1762

Dec. 27 Cash paid the Widow Mason	£15 0 0
Jany. 31 1763 Cash paid for Wood £1 5 0 & Pocket Com- panion 6/6	1 11 6

In 1762, Bro. William Ghiselin,⁵ a silversmith, appears to have been an acting Treasurer. Under date of February 22, 1762, is the following entry:

“By cash he paid an order in fav’r of Wm. Clampffer for the expenses of Bro. Jonas Osborne our late Tyler’s funeral £14.7.6.”

Jonas Osborne’s⁶ account in the old Ledger is as follows:

1755 By Tylerage from Dec. 27, 1753 to July 16, 1755 in all 37 Nights @ 1/6	£ 4 12 6
1756 June 30, By Tylerage from July in all 21 Nights @ 1/6	1 11 0
Dec. 21, By ditto from June in all 10 Nights.....	0 15 0
1757 Dec. 27, By ditto to this day	2 6 6
1759 June 24 do to this day.....	1 10 0
Dec. 27 do to this day included 12 @ 3/	1 16 0

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By sundry persons made pass’d & Raised from the 31st of Dec’r. 1759 to the 25th of August, 1760 (58 at 3/	£ 8 14 0
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⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 105, 120.

⁶ *Ibid.*, pp. 12, 58, 63.

Entries and Erasurements

By one half of what was Rec'd for sundry persons made pass'd & Raised . . 93 at 1/6 from August 1760 to Dec'r. 1761	6 19 6
By 16 nights attendance as Tyler from Dec'r. 31, 1759 to Aug'st. 25th, 1760	2 8 0
By 51 ditto from August 1760 to Dec'r. 1761	7 13 0
	£25 14 0
In 1750 Bro. Emanuel Rouse paid Smith for Candle- stick	2 0 0
Dec. 27 paid Thos. James for St. John's Day expenses	3 12 3
Paid Lindsay for Candlesticks	6 7 6
Dec. 27, 1753 Cash Re'd. of the Stewards St. John' Day...	3 18 9

In the Treasurer's Ledger there is a regular Debit and Credit account for Bro. Thomas Brice, beginning December 16, 1754, when he was raised, his dues and quarterage were regularly paid and credited until December 27, 1763, when the following note appears under his account, viz:

"N. B. It does not appear from the Minutes that Thos. Brice was proposed or admitted as a Member."

1755, Dec. 29. Joseph Townsend'

Dr. To making you a Mason	3 7 6
Cr. per Contra By Death	3 7 6

(Bro. Wm. Shead) By erasement out of the books agreeable to the Lodge on Sept. 11, 1754.

(George Owen) By erasement out of the books agreed on Sept. 11, 1754.

1757 James Johnston^s was Secretary

By 2 years Salary as Secretary at £10 per annum from 25 June 1759.

June 24 By Cash paid for an Inkstand for the use of the Lodge	1 8 0
Dec. 28, 1761 By Salary 6 mo.	£ 5 0 0

^r *Ibid.*, p. 62.

^s *Ibid.*, pp. 79, 77.

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In 1760, the charge for Entering was£ 4 0 0
passing 0 13 0—Raising 1 3 6—Admitting as a Member 7 6
—Quarterage 1/6 a Total£ 6 5 6

Bro. William Rice⁹ was entered Oct. 14–17, under date of June 24, 1761, he is debited with 3.17.0.

On the Credit side is the entry, "Death pays no Debts."

Bro. William Smith succeeded Jonas Osborne as Tyler. "By his attendance as Tyler 51 nights @ 3/ from August 1760 to December 1761 £7.13.0.

Mar. 12, 1758, Bro. Wm. Craig furnishes 3 yds. of Ribbon for the use of the Lodge 3.6.

1758. The charge for admitting Bro. John Williams as a member was 15 Shillings.

In the Archives of the American Philosophical Society, among the letters to Benjamin Franklin, who was then in France, the following letter was found.¹⁰ It is from Bro. Jno. Valentz, a Member of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2, "Moderns." The statements in this letter are interesting and correct, although Bro. Valentz's name does not appear in the ledger of the Lodge. He was, according to his statements, undoubtedly made in this Lodge, but never became a member, hence his name would only appear on the Minutes:

"Hon^{ble} Sir:

"When I had the honor last Wednesday of paying my respects to you at Passy, those gentlemen I met at your house prevented me at first from disclosing to you the principal motive of my errand—and when afterwards I had an opportunity of doing it perhaps with some degree of more propriety the delicate nature of the matter caused my heart within to fail me, and made me come away, only with the satisfaction I felt at the sight of your precious welfare.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 34.

¹⁰ Vol. VI, No. 143.

“Permit me therefore, sir, that I may now have the liberty to acquaint you, that I am actually a former inhabitant of Pennsylvania—where I have resided from my youthfall days, but that some Debts, which the Indian Wars, and other losses I met with in have, rendered me incapable from discharging, compelled me about 10 years ago to quit the Province, since which time I have been obliged to struggle through more hardships and Embarrassments in Life, than I am willing at present of enumerating to you, untill finally a heat of passion, with which, I used upon all occasion to espouse the cause of our American Free States, brought me to some unlucky Event, which somewhat more than a twelvemonth ago forced me in a precipitate manner to leave the West Indies a mere chance then brought me into Europe, where I have now actually been a twelvemonth.

“Necessitious circumstances, Sir, make me think of now returning to the American Continent again, and to throw myself upon the mercy of my Creditors, upon whose lenity I have some grounds of relying, and if our troubles should not soon arrive at an End I could freely wish to take a Commission in the Continental Service, which I should be at no loss in getting, as I have the honor of being personally acquainted with several members of the Congress, as well as with General Washington, whom I now know above 18 years having been with him in two Campaigns to the westward, when I myself have been an officer in the Provincial Service last war once in Col. Bird’s (Penns^a) Regiment Capt. Robt. Callender of Carlisle being my Captain, and the second time in Coll. Lloyds Regiment, when I was a Lieutenant, and Capt. Little my Captain, who afterwards in your neighborhood married the widow Nicholson, of the Indian Queen, I hope you will readily excuse my noticing to you these small matters, my chief intention

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being to show you that I am perfectly well acquainted with the Country, and that I am no imposter.

“I did sir, when I last waited upon you mention to you my intention of going to Bourdeaux or some other French Port for a Passage, but I did not mention to you that I have no money, even to carry me to one quarter part of the way, yet such is my case, that as God is my Judge, I have not one Louis d’or, was it to save my Life, from immediate Destruction, Pardon kind Sir this open Confession from a man, who came here from Holland on purpose to see you in order of laying his Deplorable Situation before you. For the Truth of my assertion, I beg leave to refer you to a certain Gentleman who was with you not long ago from Rotterdam upon some Commercial Business—Leyden and Rotterdam having Enabled me to perform my Journey so far as to See you, and I am now addressing myself to you from a Double Confidence in your Goodness and Commisiration, looking upon you not only as a Chief person of our Republican States, but also as a Chief of a Certain Respectable order, to which I have the honor of belonging ever since the year 1762, I am a member, Sir, of St. John’s Lodge No. 2 in Phila. having been raised to the Degree of Master under the adm. of W^m Shute M^r. Emanuel Rouse P:M: John Williams S:W: Robt. Carson J:W: W^m Ghislin Treasurer and Ja^s. Johnstone Sec^r. (men which you undoubtedly all know) so that now you have an opportunity of not only saving a man from Destruction in a Strange land, which differs from us both in Politick & Religion, but of sending back perhaps a useful Member to our comunity whom upon closer Inspection you will find not altogether unworthy perhaps of your Favorable attention. If I may be permitted to assure you, that I know of some ways, through which I can render myself serviceable to our State, and that my greatest ambition consists therein at present.

Roster of Philadelphia Lodge No. 2

“Vouchsafe therefore, Sir, that I may once more have the honor of waiting upon you—any time you may Condescend to appoint to a private interview, I will readily obey and take a pleasure of Satisfying you as to any Question you may Judge proper to put to me, Relying therefore on your goodness and Humane Assistance I have the honor with the profoundest Respect to Subscribe myself

“Hon^{ble} Sir,

“Your Most Obed^t Humble & Devoted Serv^t.

“Paris 26th. July 1777.”

“JNO VALENTZ

Following is the roster of the Second Lodge in Philadelphia, as gleaned from the Treasurer’s Ledger. The names of the Brethren are given, together with the date when they were made Masons:

ARNOLD, GEORGE. Made a Mason, January 31, 1750.

AUSTALL, ROBERT. Elected January 31, 1750. Died before initiation.

APPOEN, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, April 20, 1755.

ALLICOCK, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, December —, 1755.

ADLAM, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, March 1, 1757.

ANDERSON, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, May 28, 1759.

ALLEN, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, April 25, 1763.

ANDERSON, EPHRIAM. Made a Mason, August 29, 1763.

AYERS, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, June 1, 1763.

ALLEN, JOHN HOLDER. Made a Mason, December 3, 1762.

BARTHOLEM EW, AUSTIN. Admitted a member, April 9, 1759.

BALL, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 27, 1750.

BLAIR, JAMES.

BENNING, WILLIAM. Dead by his request,¹ December 27, 1758.

BOWMAN, EPHRIAM.

¹ Intended to mean that the Brother was dropped from the roll at his own request.

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BAYLY, JOHN. Made a Mason, June 24, 1752.
BROZER, NICHOLAS. Made a Mason, July 31, 1754.
BREWSTER, JOHN. Made a Mason, June 24, 1754.
BRICE, THOMAS. Raised to third degree, December 16, 1754.
BLACK, ROBERT. Admitted a member, July 14, 1755.
BIDDLE, JAMES. Passed to second degree, May 31, 1756.
BEDFORD, THOMAS. Made a Mason, July 6, 1756.
BROWN, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, November 29, 1756.
BAYARD, JAMES. Passed to second degree, April 15, 1757.
BRADFORD, CORNELIUS. Made a Mason, June 27, 1757.
BEVAN, GEORGE. Made a Mason, December 26, 1757.
BARNES, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, January 30, 1758.
BURROWS, JOHN. Made a Mason, March 13, 1758.
BILLINGE, JAMES. Made a Mason, February 26, 1759.
BERRY, JOHN. Made a Mason, February 28, 1759.
BROWN, HENRY. Made a Mason, December 31, 1759.
BURT, THOMAS. Passed to second degree, January 9, 1760.
BUDDEN, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, February 5, 1760.
BRICKLAND, PHILIP. Made a Mason, November 24, 1760.
BEVAN, DAVIS. Made a Mason, December 29, 1760.
BANKS, RICHARD. Made a Mason, October 20, 1761.
BURK, THOMAS. Made a Mason, December 1, 1761.
BISHOP, JOHN. Made a Mason, February 9, 1762.
BARNES (BARNES) WILLIAM. Admitted January 30, 1758.
BOYER, JACOB. Made a Mason, June 4, 1762.
BONNIN, GHOUSE. Made a Mason, June 16, 1762.
BIDDLE, EDWARD. Made a Mason, March 29, 1763.
BACKHOUSE, RICHARD. Made a Mason, April 29, 1763.
BRIDGES, CAPT. GEORGE. Made a Mason, September 26, 1763.
BONHAM, EPHRIAM. 1749.
BAYARD, JOHN. Passed to second degree, April 25, 1757.
CLAMPER, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, September 26, 1750.
CRAIG (CRAGE), WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 17, 1754.



From the *High Lodge of St John*
instituted in Philadelphia No. 2.

Thomas Brice
Deputy Master

Let the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of St John in Philadelphia
know that the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia
has the honor to receive the same from the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia

And it is the duty of the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia
to receive the same from the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia
and to have the same duly recorded in the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia

Brother of the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia
and to have the same duly recorded in the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia

Given under the Hand of the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia
this 26 day of March Anno Domini 1762.

William Chisden
Grand Master of the High Lodge of St John in Philadelphia

MASONIC CERTIFICATE OF BRO. THOMAS BRICE.

ISSUED BY PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 2, "MODERNS," MARCH 31, 1762.

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COTTON, JOHN. Raised to third degree, December 16, 1754.
COPELAND, JONATHAN. Made a Mason, October 18, 1755.
COWMAN, DR. ATWOOD. Raised to Master, October 25, 1756.
CARPENTER, JASPER. Made a Mason, March 14, 1757.
CLARKSON, JOHN, ESQ. Made a Mason, April 11, 1757.
CAMPBELL, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, April 11, 1757.
CHANCELLOR, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, April 11, 1757.
CLARK, JOHN. Made a Mason, September 19, 1757.
CARSON, ROBERT. Made a Mason, February 23, 1761.
CLARKSON, GERARDUS. Made, passed and raised, November 25, 1757.
CALL, EBENEZER. Made a Mason, September 14, 1758.
COLEMAN, JACOB. Made a Mason, April 30, 1759.
CROMWELL, THOMAS. Passed to second degree, September 11, 1759.
CLUTZ, LEWIS. Made a Mason, January 9, 1760.
CLERK, ROBERT. Passed to second degree, January 7, 1760.
CRAIGHEAD, GEORGE. Admitted a member, April 28, 1760.
CORSE, ISAAC. Admitted a member, March 30, 1761.
CLARK, JEREMIAH. Made a Mason, November 13, 1760.
CLAGUE, EDWARD. Raised to third degree, August 8, 1763.
CRAIG, CAPT. JAMES. Made a Mason, June 14, 1763.
CLARK, THOMAS. Made a Mason, June 27, 1763.
DILL, SOLOMON. Made a Mason, August 28, 1754.
DONNELL, NATHAN. Raised to Master, July 26, 1756.
DENNY, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, November 8, 1756.
DAVIS, SAMUEL, DR. Raised to third degree, December 27, 1756.
DANNILLS, GEORGE. Raised to third degree, February 12, 1760.
DEXTER, JAMES. Made a Mason, December 19, 1760.
DENNIS, PATRICK. Made a Mason, April 9, 1761.
DURHAM, CHARLES. Made a Mason, December 3, 1762.

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- DEWEES, FARMER. Made a Mason, March 28, 1763.
DOWNER, JOHN. Passed to Fellow Craft, June 28, 1762.
DOVE, THOMAS. Made a Mason, January 12, 1756.
EVANS, CALEB. Made a Mason in Extra Lodge, December 18, 1753.
ENGLAND, DANIEL. Made a Mason, December 26, 1753.
ERENSELLER, JACOB. Made a Mason, July 11, 1757
ENT (END), DANIEL. Made a Mason, September 12, 1757.
ELLIS, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, July 27, 1761.
EDWARDS, JOHN. Made a Mason, January 31, 1763.
FISHER, THOMAS. December, 1749.
FESTUS, JACOB. Made a Mason, August 28, 1751.
FAULKNER, NATHANIEL. Made a Mason, June 26, 1754.
FABRE, BARTHOLOMEW. Raised to third degree, January 31, 1757.
FISHER, THOMAS (Carpenter). Passed to second degree, May 30, 1757.
FALCONER, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, July 27, 1761.
FORD, JOHN. Admitted a member, August 10, 1761.
FORSTER, HENRY. Made a Mason, December 26, 1763.
GUISHARD, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, May 24, 1753.
GROVERS, CHRISTOPHER.
GHISELIN, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, August, 1752.
GERRARD, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, (1754?).
GIBBONS, JAMES. Admitted a member, November 20, 1754.
GREENWAY, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 11, 1754.
GREENWAY, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, September 8, 1755.
SIGNALLET, JOHN. Raised to third degree, September 26, 1757.
GREGORY, THOMAS. Made a Mason, October 14, 1758.
GRIFFITH, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, November 26, 1759.
GREEN, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, April 15, 1759.
GIBSON, CAPT. JOHN. Made a Mason, November 13, 1760.

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GASS, JOHN. Made a Mason, July 27, 1761.
GITTENS, JOSHUA. Made a Mason, January 25, 1762.
GRAY, ROBERT. Made a Mason, March 29, 1762.
GARDNER, CAPT. WILLIAM. Made a Mason, March 29, 1762.
GUILLOT. Made a Mason, March 1, 1763.
GOGGIN, CAPT. JOHN. Made a Mason, July 25, 1763.
HUNT, GLOVER.
HUNLOCK, BOWMAN. Raised to Master Mason, June 24, 1751.
HARRISS, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, 1750.
HALL, RICHARD. Admitted, April 29, 1752.
HUGHES, CALEB. Made a Mason, August 28, 1754.
HAYES, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, February 29, 1753.
HUGHES, JOHN. Made a Mason, August 11, 1755.
HUNTER, PETER. Made a Mason, September 8, 1755.
HARDING, JAMES. Made a Mason, July 12, 1756.
HATTON, PETER. Made a Member, November 8, 1756.
HASSELL, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, November 29, 1756.
HARDIE, ROBERT. Made a Mason, May 30, 1757.
HAMILTON, ALEXANDER. Raised to third degree, December
16, 1757.
HOG, RICHARD. Made a Mason, July 30, 1759.
HOLARON, LAWRENCE. Made a Mason, October 10, 1759.
HOWARD, ROBERT. Made a Mason, November 13, 1760.
HARRISON, JOSEPH (of the Jerseys). Made a Mason, July 27,
1761.
HODGSON, JOSEPH. Admitted a member, October 30, 1761.
HARRISON, WILLIAM. Admitted a member, October 20, 1761.
HILBORN, MILES. Made a Mason, January 31, 1763.
HILL, JOHN. Made a Mason, September 26, 1763.
HOWELL, JOHN LADD. Made a Mason, September 26, 1763.
HOWARD, JOHN. Made a Mason, December 26, 1763.
HARRISON, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, August 29, 1763.
HOWELL, ABRAHAM. Made a Mason, November 28, 1763.

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JONES, DOUGHTY. Made a Mason, October 14, 1750.
JANETT, THOMAS (Mc).¹¹ Made a Mason, 1752.
JOHNSTON, JAMES. Made a Mason, April 15, 1757.
JENKINS, GEORGE. Made a Mason, June 27, 1757.
JOEL, THOMAS. Made a Mason, December 31, 1759.
JACKSON, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, February 5, 1760.
JOHNS, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, March 28, 1763.
JAGO, EDWARD. Made a Mason, April 24, 1758.
KNIGHT, JOHN. 1749.
KNIGHT, HENRY. Made a Mason, January 7, 1755.
KERNE, JACOB. Made a Mason, January 7, 1755.
KNIGHT, PETER. Made a Mason, May 10, 1756.
KUHLMARK, MARK. Made a Mason, April 11, 1757.
KEEN, REYNOLD. Made a Mason, July 25, 1757.
KNOTT, JOHN. Made a Mason, May 26, 1760.
KIDD, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 27, 1760.
KENNEDY. Admitted a member, April 12, 1762.
KAST, MARTIN. Made a Mason, June 4, 1762.
KERLIN, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, June 16, 1762.
KIEFT, THOMAS. Made a Mason, January 10, 1763.
KINSEY, THOMAS. Made a Mason, June 1, 1763.
LEACOCK, JOHN.
LEECH, JOSEPH.
LEACH, JAMES. Made a Mason, June 24, 1754.
LEACH, THOMAS. Made a Mason, December 26, 1757.
LANG, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, November 8, 1756.
LAWRENCE, NATHANIEL. Made a Mason, December 13, 1756.
LUKENS, JOHN. Made a Mason, January 30, 1759.
LAWSON, JOHN. Made a Mason, October 14, 1758.
LUKENS, DANIEL. Made a Mason, February 26, 1759.
LONE, JAMES. Passed to second degree, September 11, 1759.
LEWIS, JOHN. Made a Mason, March 28, 1763.

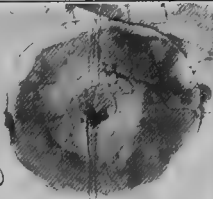
¹¹ Vide McJanett, Thomas.

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- LLOYD, ROBERT. Made a Mason, June 1, 1763.
- MCJANETT, THOMAS. Passed to second degree, February 12, 175 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- MATHERS, JOHN.
- McFARSON, JOHN. Made a Mason, November 28, 1750.
- MOORE, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, August 28, 1751.
- MONTAIGUE, SAMUEL. Made "master and member," December 27, 1753.
- MITCHEL, JOSHUA. Made a Mason, March, 1755.
- MORGAN, MORRIS. Made a member, January 29, 1755.
- MONCREIFF, JOHN. Initiated November 29, 1756.
- MOORE, JOHN. Raised to third degree, December 3, 1756.
- MELLOWS, PHILIP. Made a Mason, June 21, 1755.
- MARTIN, GEORGE. Made a Mason, August 8, 1757.
- MEYRS, JAMES. Made a Mason, October 14, 1758.
- MING, WOOLVRE. Made a Mason, December 25, 1758.
- MARSH, JAMES. Made a Mason, January 9, 1759.
- MILNOR, ISAAC. Admitted a member, January 9, 1759.
- MEASE, JAMES. Made a Mason, June 18, 1760.
- MAW, CRANK. Raised to third degree, April 29, 1760.
- MILLER, MAGNUS. Made a Mason, November 26, 1759.
- MANNING, JOHN. Made a Mason, September 15, 1761.
- MOORE, ALLEN. Made a Mason, October 20, 1761.
- MULLAN, ROBERT. Admitted a member, March 29, 1762.
- MEYER, ISAAC. Made a Mason, June 4, 1762.
- McCULLOM, JAMES. 1762.
- MURPHY, FRANCIS. Made a Mason, March 1, 1763.
- McFUN, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, March 29, 1763.
- MITCHELL, JOHN. Made a Mason, April 25, 1763.
- McNEIR, ANDREW. Passed to second degree, November 21, 1755.
- MARKS, LEVI. Raised to third degree, June 14, 1762.

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- MCDOWELL, ALEXANDER. Admitted a member, March 31, 1755.
- NICHOLSON, GEORGE. Admitted a member, February 23, 1761.
- NELMS, NATHANIEL. Made a Mason, September 17, 1761.
- OWEN, GEORGE. 1750.
- OSBORN, JONAS. Member prior to 1751.
- OSBORNE, SAMUEL. Passed to second degree, November 21, 1755.
- OZELAND, JOHN. Made a Mason, May 26, 1760.
- OLDMAN, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, June 14, 1763.
- OGDEN, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, November 28, 1763.
- POLSON, WILLIAM.
- PARKER, JOSEPH.
- POOLE, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, August 28, 1751.
- PARISH, JOHN. Made a Mason, September 25, 1751.
- PAIN, PRESTON. Passed to second degree, April 25, 1757.
- PERDUS, STEPHEN. Made a Mason, September 19, 1757.
- PINES, JOHN. Made a Mason, September 27, 1757.
- PATTERSON, ROBERT. Raised to third degree, October 14, 1758.
- PINE, BENJAMIN. Made a Mason, November 27, 1758.
- PENROSE, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, January 9, 1760.
- PHILE, FREDERICK. Made a Mason, April 28, 1760.
- POWELL, THOMAS. Made a Mason, November 13, 1760.
- PHILIPSON, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 29, 1760.
- PRICE, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 29, 1760.
- PLACE, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, September 17, 1761.
- PHILIPS, JOHN, JR. Made a Mason, December 1, 1761.
- PHIPPS, THOMAS. Made a Mason, September 17, 1761.
- PRICE, JOHN. Made a Mason, April 26, 1762.
- PRATT, MATHEW. Made a Mason, March 28, 1763.
- ROUSE, EMMANUEL.



John Phillips

From the **HOLY LODGE** of
St John situated in *Philadelphia* N^o 2,

BELoved BRETHREN

GREETING.

THIS is to Certify, that the Bearer hereof our Brother
JOHN PHILLIPS hath been by us raised to the High Degree
of a **MASTER MASON**, whose *Lea*l for the **ROYAL CRAFT**
induces us to Recommend him to all the True and Faithful
wherefore ever dispersed. And we have required our *Bro*thers
ther to sign his name in the Margin of this Certificate, so that
the same may be demanded of him as a **PROOF** that it hath no
fallen into *un*perfect hands.

By Order of the **MASTER**,
W. AVERS SECRETARY.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our
LODGE this sixteenth day of April Anno
Mundi 3765.

John Phillips
He was drunk

John Phillips
He was drunk

John Phillips
MASTER
John Phillips
W. AVERS
John Phillips
SECRETARY
John Phillips
WARDEN
John Phillips
WARDEN

Roster of Lodge No. 2 "Moderns"

- RICE, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, October 14, 1750.
- RAWLINSON, ROBERT. Made a Mason, March 13, 1751.
- REDMOND (REDMAN) JOSEPH. Made a Mason, February 29, 1754.
- ROBERSON, FRANCIS (ROBBORTSON). Raised June 24, 1753.
- ROWEN, JAMES. Admitted a member, September 25, 1754.
- REESE, JOHN. Admitted a member, September 19, 1755.
- RITCHIE, PETER. Passed to second degree, April 15, 1757.
- RUSSIL, NATHANIEL. Made a Mason, July 25, 1757.
- REED, JOHN. Made a Mason, January 9, 1759.
- ROBINSON, JAMES, CAPT. Made a Mason, April 10, 1758.
- ROBESON, THOMAS. Made a Mason, February 5, 1760.
- RICHE, JOHN. Made a Mason, January 5, 1760.
- ROLFE, CAPT. JOHN. Made a Mason, March 30, 1761.
- ROBESON, EDWARD. Raised to third degree, September 17, 1761.
- READING, THOMAS. Made a Mason, March 29, 1762.
- REYNOLDS, DAVID. Made a Mason, June 25, 1759.
- RENTON, JAMES. Admitted a member, June 14, 1762.
- RUDOLPH, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, November 28, 1763.
- SKINNER, ABRAM. December 27, gone to New York.
- SHEED, WILLIAM.
- STILLWAGGON, JOHN. Made a Mason, April 10, 1751.
- SHANE, ISAAC. Made a Mason, August 14, 1751.
- SNIDER, CHRISTIAN. Made a Mason, February 12, 1752.
- SMITH, JAMES. Made a Mason, September 11, 1754.
- SALTER, ELISHA. June 26, 1754, "made a master and member of this Lodge; not being made a Mason in this Lodge."
- SHUTE, WILLIAM. Admitted a member, December 16, 1754.
- SHUTE, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, September 29, 1755.
- SHUTE, JOHN. Passed to second degree, April 15, 1757.
- SOUTHCOT, RICHARD. Made a Mason, June 13, 1757.

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- SCHRYVER, ELIAS. Made a Mason, August 8, 1757.
SCOTT, NATHANIEL. Made a Mason, August 8, 1757.
SCEAMAN, RICHARD. Raised to third degree, September 26, 1757.
SHERMAN, CORNELIUS. Made a Mason, September 14, 1758.
STEVENSON, GEORGE. Made a Mason, January 9, 1760.
STANLEY, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, February 5, 1760.
SMITH, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, May 26, 1760.
SELLERS, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, November 26, 1760.
STAMPER, THOMAS. Made a Mason, November 26, 1759.
STAKES, BENJAMIN. Admitted a member, February 23, 1761.
STEVENSON, EDMUND. Made a Mason, January 27, 1761.
SCULL, JOSEPH. Made and passed, November 14, 1759.
SMITH, JOHN. Made a Mason, September 17, 1761.
SEYRE, HENRY. Made a Mason and passed, June 30, 1761.
STEVENSON, JAMES. Made a Mason, July 27, 1761.
SANDERSON, ROBERT. Made a Mason, October 1, 1761.
SMITH, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, December 9, 1760.
SHUTE, BARNABY. Made a Mason, February 9, 1762.
STEEL, JAMES. Made a Mason, February 22, 1762.
SHOLL, JACOB. Made a Mason, June 4, 1762.
SMITH, DAVID. Made a Mason, June 21, 1762.
TOWNSEND, JOSEPH. Made a Mason, September 29, 1755.
TANNER, BENJAMIN. Made a Mason, August 8, 1757.
TRUMP, LEVI. Made a Mason, February 25, 1760.
TAYLOR, RICHARD. Admitted a member, June 8, 1761.
VAN BEBBER, HENRY. Made a Mason, March 14, 1757.
VAN DER VELDEN, ISAAC. Made a Mason, May 26, 1760.
VANLAER, BRANSON. Made a Mason, July 25, 1763.
VINEY, JACOB (VINING). Admitted a member, January 9, 1759.
WOOTON, THOMAS SPRIG. Made a Mason, June 14, 1763.
WARNER, JOSEPH. Previous to 1749.

Roster of Lodge No. 2 "Moderns"

WEBSTER, SAMUEL.

WINDER, EDMUND. Made a Mason in 1750.

WALCOT, EARL HOW. Made a Mason, October 25, 1756.

WALKER, RICHARD. Made a Mason, February 14, 1757.

WOULFE, JOHN. Raised to Master Mason, March 14, 1757.

WARD, HENRY. Admitted a member, August 29, 1757.

WILLIAMS, JOHN. Admitted a member, April 16, 1758.

WELLS, JOHN. Made a member, February 5, 1760.

WHITE, JOHN. Made a Mason, June 18, 1760.

WATSON, JOHN. Made a Mason, January 27, 1761.

WARNER, JOHN. Made a Mason, December 29, 1760.

WHITE, JAMES THOMAS BLANCH. Admitted a member, November 9, 1761.

WEST, CHARLES. Made a Mason, October 30, 1761.

WINGOOD, SAMUEL. Made a Mason, September 15, 1761.

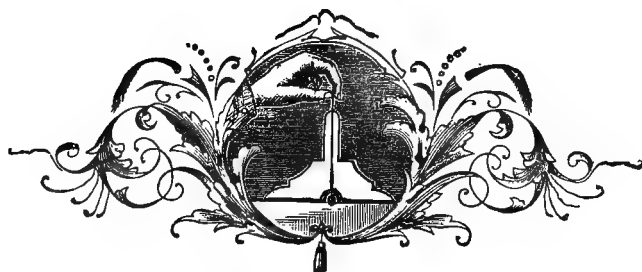
WITACRE, HENRY. Made a Mason, January 25, 1762.

WALSH, JAMES. Made a Mason, March 1, 1763.

WHITEBREAD, WILLIAM, JR. Made a Mason, April 29, 1763.

WHARTON, WILLIAM. Made a Mason, May 30, 1763.

WELDEN, SAMUEL STAINSBURY. Admitted, July 11, 1763.





CHAPTER V.

THE THIRD OR TUN TAVERN LODGE OF THE "MODERNS."



THE Third Lodge of the "Moderns," usually known as "*Tun Tavern Lodge*," from the place of meeting, a noted hostelry on the East side of Water or King Street, at the Southeast corner of a small alley leading to the river, just South of Chestnut Street.¹ It is not known to a certainty just when this Lodge was erected.

A Minute Book of this old Lodge is still in existence, commencing Wednesday, 28th of June, 1749, and ending July 2, 1755. The entries, however, show that this was not the beginning of the Lodge nor the earliest records of its Minutes, nor is it even certain that the Tun Tavern was the original meeting place of the Lodge. At the same time, this old tome is one of the oldest Minute Books of an American Masonic Lodge known.

The *Tun Tavern* Lodge was, from a social standpoint, the opposite of St. John's Lodge; there was nothing of the aristocratic element among its membership, or of the mercantile

¹ Watson's "Annals of Philadelphia," ed. 1850, pp. 464-469.

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constituance of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2, as will be seen by the roster; there were but few men of local prominence among the number, the larger portion of the membership being made up of seafaring and transient men, proposed by Bro. Mullan, the keeper of the Tun Tavern, which for a time enjoyed some popularity during the middle of the century. But few of the members of this old Lodge can be traced at this late day, as in so many cases their first names are not given; among the most prominent exceptions are the two clergymen, made, passed and raised in this Lodge, viz.: the Rev. Gabriel Naesman,^{1a} a Swedish American Lutheran pastor, who served in the old Gloria Dei Church in Wicacao, now a part of the First Ward of Philadelphia; he was a native of Dalecarlia, Sweden, came to Philadelphia in 1743, and remained in the neighborhood until 1751, when he left for the West Indies and afterwards for Holland and France; later, he was appointed a pastor in Christianstad, Sweden. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Matthew Usher was an Episcopal clergyman, and ministered in Delaware; he appears in Kent County, 1737-43; Lewes, 1744-48; and St. Davids, Radnor, in Pennsylvania, 1749-53. It is stated that about this time he left the ministry. It is a curious fact that in some of the Colonial Records, his given name is variously quoted as Arthur, Walter and Matthew.

An abstract is here given of such portions of the Minutes of the meetings held at the old Tun Tavern as are found recorded, and are of interest in giving us an insight into the workings of this Lodge of the "Moderns." As will be seen, the officers of the Lodge were elected every six months in the Subordinate

^{1a} "*Verbi Dei Minister.*"

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Lodges, while the Grand Officers served for the Masonic year from St. John the Baptist's Day to the next one succeeding.

The various officers of the Tun Tavern Lodge are noted in their regular order:

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES.

At the meeting held June 28, 1749, there were present Bro. Griffin, W. M.; Jno. Reily, S. W.; Walter Shee J. W. Bro. Walter Murray was appointed Tyler at ten pounds per annum, to be paid every six months. Bro. Mullan proposed an amendment to the By-Laws.

Messrs. John Ord,² Capt. Vina Leacroft, John Schleydorn were balloted for and admitted to the first degree of Masonry.

[Bro. John Schleydorn, whose name appears upon the first page of the old Minute Book, was the eldest son of Heinrich Schleydorn, at that time a prosperous German merchant and the most prominent Lutheran layman in the city. Bro. John Schleydorn followed the seas as supercargo, but he appears to have been unsuccessful in his ventures.]³

Bro. Foster was balloted for admission to second degree. Bro. Eve was ballotted for the third degree and membership; both were determined in the affirmative. There were present at this meeting Bros. Corfe, Wright, Archdale, Mullan, Eve, Foster. Visitors: Bros. Murray, Alsop, Gantony, Duglass. Bro. Baron, Secretary.

At the meeting of July 12, 1749, Bro. Vidal was elected a member, he having been made a Mason, prior to the date of the present Minute Book.

At a Lodge held on Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1749, at the Tun Tavern, Present: Griffin, W. M.; Corfe, S. W.;

² Proprietor of the *Swan Tavern* on Spruce Street, West of Front Street.

³ "Hallische Nachrichten" new edition, Allentown, 1886, pp. 670.

Bro. Stephen Vidal

Vidal, J. W.; Baron Sec'y., and Bros. Foster, Eve, Wright and Mullan—Following minute appears:

"Proceed to business.

"Whereas complaint has been made against Bro. Jno. Reily of committing some irregularities contrary to our Hon'ble Constitution and in contempt of the Craft, the Master order'd a Ballot whether or no he shou'd be contin'd or excluded this Lodge as a member—Balot being made, the Mast'r declar'd him a Rebel and not to be admitted any more a member of this Lodge.

Bro. Archdale Do.— Bro. Shee Do.—

The Mast'r therefore ordered the Sec'y to raise their names off the Book as Members."

"Bro. Vidal proposed that a minute be made of the proceedings of Bros. Reily, Shee and Archdale, and present the same to the Grand Master of this Province, as also of our proceedings against them."

At a Lodge held August 9th, 1749, an election was held for Wardens—The Mast'r declared Bro. Stephen Vidal S. W. and Bro. Rich. Swan J. W.

[Stephen Vidal was a schoolmaster. He died early in the year 1755. He does not appear to have been married, as by his will, dated January 7, 1755, he left all of his property to Abraham Robinson, son of Thomas Robinson of New Castle, Delaware. His will was proved March 14, 1755. It was after him that the small passage way was named "Vidal's Alley" just South of Chestnut Street between 108 and 110 South Second Street, on the lower side of which he had built a two-story house where he kept school. It was in this house wherein the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" met, and in which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania A. Y. M. declared its independence from England, September 25th, 1786].⁴

At a Lodge held August 23, 1749. "Bro. Swan made a

⁴ Cf. "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania 1727-1907," Vol. II, pp. 103 *et seq.*

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report of the Secretary's misconduct. He was seconded by the Lodge in General.

"The Master having it in his power to choose a Secretary, appointed Walter Murray to succeed him for the remaining six months.

"Bros. Swan, Wright, Eve, Vidal and Mullan were appointed a committee to regulate the By-Laws."

At a Lodge held August 29, 1749, Bro. Mullan moved that a petition be sent to Mr. Benjamin Franklin, Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to grant us a deputation under his sanction.

The Master appointed Bros. Vidal, Corffe and Mullan to draw up the same and to present it.

At a Lodge held September 11, 1749, The W. Master, Bro. Griffin, being accused by several members of the Lodge of some irregular practices contrary to the dignity of the Chair, which the Brothers hope he will clear up against next Regular Lodge Night.

Wednesday, September 27, 1749. The Master, Bro. Griffin, "clear'd up the above accusations agreeable to the members, and Baloted for *Nem. Con* as a member."

Wednesday, November 22, 1749. Bro. Dewar being censur'd for swearing two Oaths—Ballot order'd whether he shouldn't pay the penalty—succeeded in the affirmative—and fined two shillings.

Bro. Swan censur'd for not addressing properly to the Master—Ballot order'd—and fined 1/6.

Wednesday, December 27, 1749. Balot being ordered for new officers for the ensuing six months—It being done accordingly in Due form the Master in the Chair declared

Brother Mullan, Master, Brother Thomas Mullan, Treasurer, Brother Swan S. W.

At a Lodge held on Monday the 29th Aug^r 1749
at the Tun Tavern in Water Street Phila.

Present Bro. Griffin M^r

Vidal J: W

Swan J: W

Murray Sec.

Members present

Visiting Brothers

Bro. Mullar

Bro. Coffe

Bro. Flanagan

Davis

Ord

Parker

Wright

Wodale

Proceeded to Business

Mr. Parker being Baloted for the Preceding Lodge was
accordingly this Night made in due Form

Bro. Mullar movd that a Petition be sent to Mr. Benj^r
Franklin Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania
to grant us a Deputation under his Sanction
the Master appointed Bro. Vidal, Coffe, & Mullane
to draw up the same, and to present it

Ten o Clock Lodge Clos'd

At a Lodge held on Wednesday the 6th Sept. 1749.
at the Tun Tavern in Water Street Phila.

Present Bro. Griffin M^r

Swan J: W

Wright J: W

Murray Sec

Visiting Bro. Cummins

No Business done; Ten o Clock Lodge Clos'd

MINUTES OF THE TUN TAVERN LODGE, SHOWING PETITION
TO FRANKLIN AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR
A "DEPUTATION UNDER HIS SACTION,"

A.D. 1749.

Bro. Anthony Duché

Brother Mahew, J. W.

Bro. Mullan in the Chair appointed Bro. Murray Sec'y. for the ensuing six months, also Tyler.

Wednesday, January 3, 1749/50. Ordered that forty shillings be given by Bro. Mullan Treasurer amongst the servants of the house.

Wednesday, February 8, 1749/50. Order'd by the members present that our Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Mullan pay Smith and Kiddie ten Pounds 12/2 for the Pedestal—Also to pay Brother Murray, Sec'y. two Pounds in full for services to the Lodge.

Bro. Ord is nominated to act as Sec'y for this six months agreeable to the By-Laws.

Ordered that the Tiler summons every Person that is made in the Lodge (being present in the city) every Lodge Night.

Ordered that Bro. Mason be Tiler in the place of Bro. Murray, upon the same salary.

Wednesday February 14, 1749/50. Bro. Swan at the desire of Bro. Breuliet proposed Mr. Anthony Duchee to be admitted to the first Degree of Masonry. Balloted for *Nem Con*.

[Bro. Anthony Duché was a grandson of the Emigrant, and son of Anthony Duché whose pottery shop was on the North side of Chestnut Street below Fifth St. Bro. Duché was a cutler and a resident of Southwark—he was a first cousin to the Rev. Jacob Duché, who made the celebrated prayer before the Continental Congress. Bro. Duché died June 1772 and was buried at Old Swedes.]³

Thursday, March 1, 1749/50. Brothers Reily-Archdall-Shee and the rest of the Lodge represented by the said Brothers desired to be Joined to this Lodge—Ballot ordered and admitted Provided Mr. Archdall give Satisfaction to this

³ Duchee, Hildeburn MS. Genealogies, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, p. 120.

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Lodge for some reflections it is said he cast upon this Lodge.

Wednesday, the 7th of March, 1749/50. Proposed this Night whether the members of ye Lodge will pay Brother Mullan for the Candlesticks.

Wednesday, March 14, 1749/50. Bro. John Reily desires to be admitted a member of this Lodge. Balloted for and admitted as formerly.

Wednesday, March 28, 1750. Brother Ord & Vidal complained against Bro. Mason for being present at Mrs. Snow's & also aiding and assisting in making two Brothers Irregular for which offense he is excluded this Lodge.

Wednesday, the 4th of April, 1750. Brother Vidal at the humble submission of Brother Mason for his great crime proposed to this Lodge to be re-instated to his former post—Balloted for but rejected.

Wednesday, April 11, 1750. Bro. Archdall admitted a member of the Lodge as formerly.

Extra Lodge, May 4, 1750. Ballot ordered for John Corporal to be Tyler of this Lodge—Admitted N. C.

Wednesday, May 9, 1750. Bro. Griffin proposed that each member belonging to this Lodge shall pay one shilling for their suppers if not present, w^{ch} is referred to the next regular Lodge night to be decided.

Bro. Mullan ordered y^t Bro. Hudson send to ye Lodge one Doz'n pair of gloves for the use of the Lodge.

Wednesday, May 23, 1750. Bro. John Corporal having for some time past, particularly the Night this Lodge was Constituted acted in ye station of a Tyler—Ordered by the Master that a Ballot be made at the next Lodge Night whether he shall be continued in y^t station & receive the Sallery allowed by the By-Laws.

St. John's Day, June 25, 1750. The following gentlemen

Bro. William Shute

were chosen Master and Wardens. Bro. Richard Swan, W. M.—John Mahew, S. W.—Francis Manny, Jun. W. Thomas Mullan, Treasurer—Walter Shee, Sec'y.

Wednesday, June 27, 1750. The Master ordered a Ballot to be made whether ye Sec'y's expenses should be defrayed when he attended—Being done it passed in the negative.

Wednesday, September 26, 1750. Bro. Mahew, late Sen. Warden, hav'g gone to sea—Bro. Manny took his place & Bro. Dewar being Eldest Member became Jun'r. Warden.

Wednesday, October 3, 1750. The Worshipful Master ordered the following Bros. to amend our by-laws—viz. Reily, Archdall—Dewar—Mullan & Sec'y.

Wednesday, December 12, 1750. Mr. Harry Brabazon petition'd this Lodge to be relieved, being in great distress, unanimously agreed by the Lodge present to give him out of the Stock, three pounds towards his support.

Wednesday, December 19, 1750. Tis agreed by the majority of this Lodge to meet next St. John's Day at the hour of Ten O'Clock in order to a Diner and each Mason to bring his wife or a partner to a Dance at night, the expense of which to be left to the majority of the members after the Diner is over.

Thursday, December 27, 1750. Pursuant to the By-Laws a Master, ye Warden & a Treasurer were Balloted for separately, and the Members following were elected—Shee—Master, Archdall S. W., Shute, J. W.—Mullan, Treas'r. The W. M. appointed Reily to be Secretary.

[Bro. William Shute was an active Mason—and after the decline of the "Moderns," joined Lodge No. 3 of the "Ancients," October 20, 1768. He served as Master in 1770; became active in the Grand Lodge, and in 1772 we find him Senior Grand Warden.]⁵

⁵ "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. 140. Reprint of Minutes Grand Lodge, Vol. 1, p. 12 *et seq.*

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Wednesday, January 2, 1750. The Lodge having inspected Mr. Mullan's account for the expences of St. John's Day allowed him Twenty-three Pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence, and twenty shillings for his servants, viz., ten to John and ten to the rest.

Wednesday, March 6, 1750. As Brother Corfe is at present indisposed, the members unanimously agreed during his Illness to support him from time to time & ordered Thirty shillings immediately to be sent him by the hands of Bro. Reily.

Bro. Reily rec'd Thirty shillings from the Treasurer for the use of Bro. Corfe.

An Extraordinary Lodge held at the Tun in Water Street the 22nd of March, 1750, in order to consult about the Funeral of our deceased Brother Mr. James Corfe and the manner thereof. Bro. Reily proposed that the burial of our late Brother Mr. Corfe shall be defrayed by the Lodge so as the same exceed Ten Pounds—Allowed by a majority.

There were present upon this occasion—Shee, W. M. Shute, S. W., Griffin, J. W., Reily, Sec'y. and Brothers Swan, Usher, Battaar, Foster, Barron, Mason, Mullan, Stevens, Hodgson, Weyman, Runnidet, Morgan.

Wednesday April 3, 1751. Bro. Usher proposed that as the Committee has not met as to the settling of the By-Laws, it might be referred to any three of the Brethren mentioned which the Master agreed to, and ordered to be settled on Tuesday next.

At a Lodge the 5th day of June, 1751. A letter from Mr. Morris Lloyd supposed to be a Brother in distress was prefer'd by Bro. Mullan—Referred to next meeting.

At a Lodge held the 12th of June, 1751. The W. M. ordered a Ballot to ascertain the hour in the morning of next St. John the Baptist's Day for the members to meet in order to chuse a

Bro. Paul Isaac Voto

Master, the Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, agreeable to our Bye Laws. 10 O'Clock in the morning appointed.

The petition of Mr. Morris Lloyd was this night considered, and the Brethren unanimously agreed to give him Three Pounds towards relieving his present necessities.

At a Lodge held at the Tun Tavern in Water Street on Monday the 24th Day of June being in Commemoration of St. John the Baptist

Pursuant to the Bye Laws, a Master the Wardens a Treasurer and a Secretary were ballotted for separately and the members following were elected, viz: Reily, Master, Swan, Sr. W.—Shute Jr. W. Mullan, Treas'r. Voto, Sec'y.

[Bro. Paul Isaac Vote, also an active Mason, who after the decline of the "Moderns," joined Lodge No. 3 of the "Ancients," January 14, 1768.]^e

Wednesday, July 3rd, 1751. The Lodge having Inspected Brother Mullans accompt for the expenses of last St. Johns Day and approved thereof, Allowed him £ 17-10-0

August Seventh, 1751. The Master ordered the Secretary to Draw a List of all the members that have been admitted in this Lodge since its first Constitution.

Ordered Bro. Mullan's servants for their attendance on St. John's Day &c. £ 1.0.0

At Lodge held the 23rd October, 1751. Br. Shute presented a letter to the Lodge from John Condon a Br. in Prison & Distress, in order to relieve the said John Condon—Ballot being made allowed, and as Br. Shute proposed to advance the money the Lodge unanimously agreed—Provided it did not exceed fifty shillings, and take his Promissory note for the sum advanced—and if Br. Shute should not be repaid by Condon then Br. Shute to be paid out of the Stock.

^e MS. Minutes, Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M.

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At Lodge held 4th of December, 1751. Bro. Mason proposed that every member should for the future pay his full part & share of the Reckoning.

At Lodge held the 11th December, 1751. It being proposed by the Rt. Worshipful that the members of this Lodge all meet next St. John's Day at 10 O'Clock in the morning in order to chuse a Master, ye Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary. And that each member pay his own expense was unanimously agreed to.—And the Rt. Worshipful proposed Br. Mullan—Swan—Shute—Stevens & Shee to meet as a Committee in order to Inspect the Bye-Laws and make such alterations in them as they shall think fit, and lay the same alterations before the Lodge next St. John's Day.

At a Lodge held at the Tun in Water Street on Friday the 27th of December, 1751, Being St. John the Evangelist's Day, Pursuant to our Bye-Laws, a Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary have been balloted for by the following members: Reily—Swan—Shute—Mullan—Vote—Donaldson—Weyman—Shee—Wood—Hart—Baron—Gibbons—Videll—Schleydorne—Foster—Usher—Stevens—Clampfer & Wm. Mason—When the following Brethren were elected, viz: Reily, W. M., Swan, S. W., Shute, J. W., Mullan, Treas'r—Voto, Sec'y.

Ballot being made whether a Brother not made in this Lodge shall pay for his being passed fifteen shillings, and for being Raised Twenty shillings—Passed in the affirmative.

Ballot being made whether every member shall pay his Club for the Reckoning on every Regular Lodge Night or not—Passed in the affirmative. and the Sixteenth Article of our Bye-Laws is made thereby void.

Ballot being made whether every member of this Lodge shall pay two shillings & six pence per Quarter, or not, in order to Raise a Stock—Passed in the negative.

Expenses of the Lodge

The question being put, how we as Masons ought to be regulated, in Respect to our Expenses of a regular Lodge Night, and a Ballot being made. Agreed that no member shall be obliged to spend more than two shillings & 6 d during Lodge hours without his consent, and not to Depart Paying less than two shill & six pence.

It being proposed that no Liquor be called for, in Lodge Hours, but by the consent of the Master, or Wardens, a ballot being made, passed in the affirmative.

But so that nothing be understood thereby to the contrary of each Brother spending two shillings & six pence.

At a Lodge held the eighth day of January, 1752. The R. Worshipful present a letter from Hercules Rony to the Lodge in order to be relieved from his Confinement. A Ballot being made, passed in ye negative.

Bro. John Stevens paid 2/6 for interrupting the Master.

April 22, 1752. At the request of the members, Br. Mullan paid Br. Shute fifty shillings, which he advanced John Condon the 23rd of October.

At a Lodge held the 27th of May, 1752. Upon the Petition of Bowman Hundloch to be Relieved out of Prison—Ballot being made allowed that £ 3.10.0 be advanced for him out of the Publick Stock. Provided that it Discharge him from his Imprisonment. And Bro. John Stevens is desired to see the same money applyed as aforesaid.

The Master appointed Brs. Swan—Shute—Ord—Stevens & Voto to be a Committee to settle the Acc'ts.

At a Lodge held the 10th of June, 1752. For as much as the former Committee have not as yet met to settle the Acc'ts, the Master ordered the following Persons, or any four of them, to be a Committee & to meet on Saturday in the Evening not only to settle the Acc'ts. But also to make such Laws

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and alterations in the Present Laws as they shall think proper in order to be laid before the next Masters Lodge. Committee: Swan—Shute—Mullan³ Ord—Stevens—Shee & Voto.

The Lodge agreed to meet at Ten O'Clock in ye morning on next St John's Day and exactly at Eleven O'Clock the Master & Wardens are to be Balloted for.

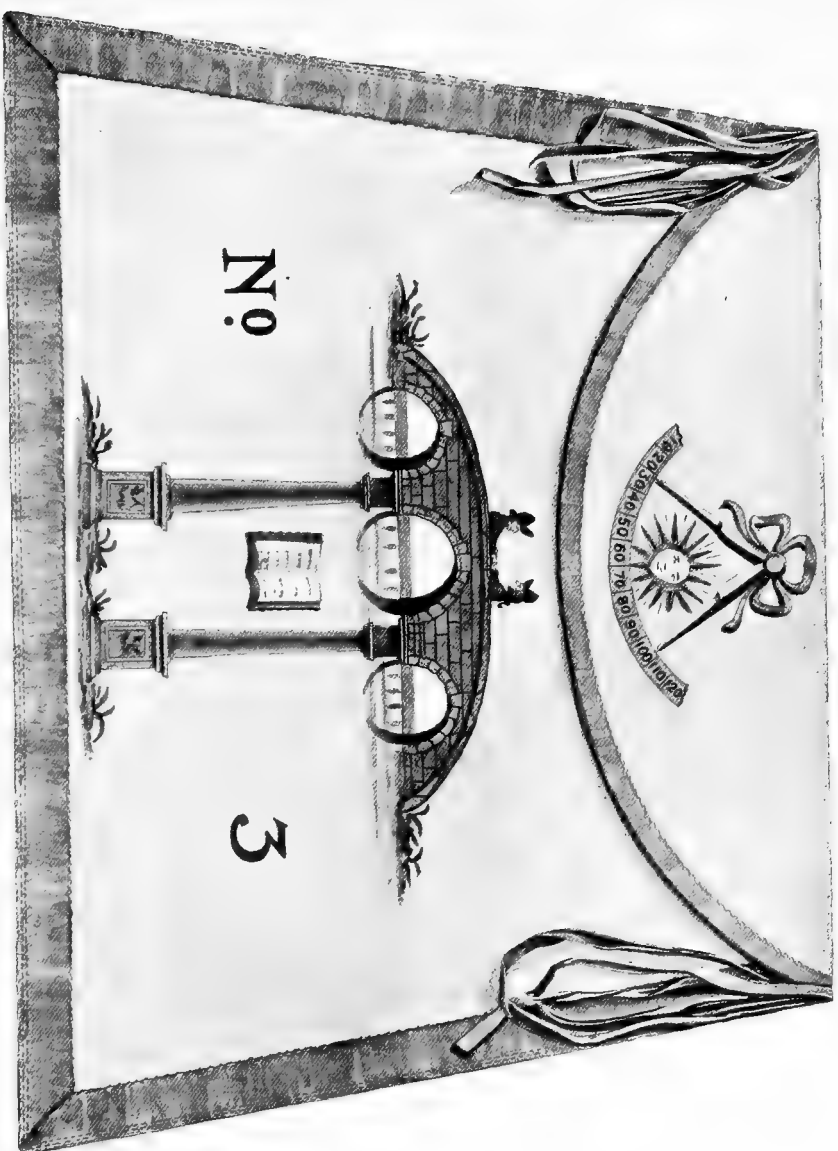
At a Lodge held the 24th day of June, 1752, being St. John the Baptist's Day, Pursuant to our Bye-Laws a Master-Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary have been balloted for, and the following members have been Elected: viz: Bro. Walter Shee, W. M. William Shute, S. W., Edward Weyman, J. W., Thomas Mullan, Treasurer, Paul I. Voto, Secretary.

The Committee appointed the 10th of this Instant, having in Pursuance of said Appointment agreed that before any Person shall, for the future, be Ballotted for to be made, passes, raised or become a member, the fees of each respective Degree shall be first deposited on the Table, and that if the Master shall order a Ballot to be made before the money shall be paid, He, the Master, shall pay the same out of his Own Pocket, and upon the Refusal shall be expelled out of this Lodge.

At a Lodge held the 13th December, 1752. It is agreed that the members of the Lodge meet at 4 O'Clock in the Evening next Saint John's Day in order to elect Master, Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary.

Upon the Representation of Br. Smith's Circumstances (by Br. Shute) it was agreed by Ballot, that Br. Voto advance £ 6.0.0 for said Bro. Smith's relief. He leaving his watch and Books as security for the same. And if the Security prove deficient then in such Case the Lodge to make up such deficiency to Br. Voto.

At Lodge held at the Tun Tavern in Water Street, the 27th



ANCIENT APRON IN MUSEUM OF GRAND LODGE, SAID TO HAVE BEEN WORN BY BRO. JOHN ORD.

ENTERED IN TUN TAVERN LODGE, No. 3, JULY 5, 1749.

Bro. Smith's Collateral

day of December, 1752, Being St. John the Evangelist's Day—Pursuant to our By-Laws a Master, Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary were Balloted for, and the following members chosen:

Reily, W. M. Wayman, S. W., Morgan, J. W., Mullan, Treas. & Voto, Secretary.

The six Pounds proposed last Lodge to be advanced to Br. Smith being represented by his Petition this night to not be sufficient for his Relief, Bro. Reily offered to advance him Ten Pounds upon his watch and Books—particularly mentioned in his Petition—upon condition the Lodge when in Cash pay him and take the watch and books, if they be not redeemed by Smith. To which the Lodge agreed.

And the things to be left by Bro. Smith in Br. Reily's hands in pledge, are, viz:

1 Silver Watch

A large Burning Glass and the following Books, viz:

A Complete View of the British Customs

Thompson's Travells in 3 Vols.

Shakespear's Pleas [sic] 9 "

Telemachus 2 "

Gulliver's Travells 4 in 2 "

Arabian Nights 6 "

Gill Blas 1 & 2 Vols.

Solomons Geographer Gramer

Nature Display's Ye 3 Vols.

Adventures of Sig'nr. Gaudentia De Lucca

..... Capt. Rob Singleton

At a Lodge held January 10, 1753. The Master ordered the following members to Inspect the Accomp'ts of the Lodge and adjust the same and also to take the Bye-Laws into Consideration & make such alteration therein as to them shall seem conducive to the good welfare of Masonry in General, and that the time of their meeting for the purpose afores'd be at five O'Clock on Saturday evening next, viz: Walter Shee—

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Rich'd Swan—Edw'd Wayman—Wm. Shute & Wm. Wasdell.

Allowed by the Lodge that Twenty shill's be given to the Servants, viz: 10 to Peggy, Seven Shill's & Six pence to ye Cook & the rest to the Boy.

At a Lodge held 24th January, 1753, The above Committee were again urged to meet on Saturday evening next to Regulate matters according to the said Order.

At a Lodge held the 14th of January, 1753, The Committee finally reported—Some alterations were made in the By-Laws which were approved.

At a Lodge held the 7th of March, 1753. “Upon the Representation of the Differences between Br. Reily & Bro. Yeates, the Brethren appointed Bros. Shee, Jenkins, Ord—Morgan — & Vote to meet next Tuesday at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon, and that the Secretary Summonze ye Committee accordingly, and if the Committee can't settle the Affair between the s'd Brothers at Difference, they shall apply to the Master to call a General Lodge to Consult what shall be done in order to settle the s'd Difference.

The 13th of March, 1753, The Committee met according to appointment, their expenses amounted to £ 0.13.6. and settled the afores'd Differences between Br. Reily & Yeates.

At a Lodge held 20th June, 1753, It was agreed that the members meet next St. John's Day at 4 O'Clock in the evening to chuse Master, Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary.

*At a Lodge held the 25th June, 1753, being the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, at the Tun in Water Street—*following Brethren were Elected: viz: Swan, W. M.—Wayman, S. W.—Jenkins, J. W.—Manny, Treas.—Vote, Sec'y.

At a Lodge 4th of July, 1753, The Lodge considering the number of our Lodges being deminished think it reasonable that the Tyler's Salary be also deminished—Therefore referred to consideration till next Lodge night.

The Tyler's Salary

At the Lodge held 10th July, 1753. The Right Worshipful appointed Brs. Shee—Jenkins—Wayman— & Vote as a committee to settle the accompts & Regulate the Tyler's Salary at any time they shall think fit between this & the next Lodge night.

8th August, 1753, The Committee according to their appointment of the 10th of July last have regulated the Tyler's Salary & agreed that he be paid from the 24th of last June

L 6.0.0 per annum.

The Expenses of the Committee
this night L 0.15.2.

WALTER SHEE

JNO. JENKINS

EDW. WAYMAN

PAUL ISAAC VOTO

At a Lodge held 19th Day of December, 1753. It was agreed by the members present that every member and other Person whatsoever that have any Demands or Claims against the Lodge or any of Jewels or things belonging to ye same, make their claims or demands appear next Saint Johns Day that the same may be settled or that they be debarred from making claim thereafter.

The Master ordered the Secretary to Summonize the Lodge to meet at 4 O'Clock on St. John's Day.

At a Lodge held the 27th Day of December, 1753, being in commemoration of St. John the Evangelist's Day.

It appears that following officers were chosen at this meeting
Swan, W. M.—Weyman, S. W.—Mason, J. W.—Manny, Treasurer—Wilkinson, Secretary.

The R. W. Master Proposed that any person applying for charity should give a perfect account of Himself, and for that Purpose, its agreed that the following members should examine the same in conjunction with the like member chosen in the other Lodges, viz: Bros. Wood—Jenkins & Shee.

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Brother Grifford has Voluntary offered his services gratis to act as Tyler for the ensuing six months.

It's agreed that every member that absents himself for three months successively shall pay two shillings & six for the use of the Lodge.

June 24, 1754, As customary Master being balloted for, Bro. Shee was Elected—Bro. Wayman, S. W.—Boude, J. W.—Manny, Treasurer—Reily, Sec'y.

August 7th, 1754, Bro. Bayley presented a Petition of John Kennedy's to the Lodge desiring their Assistance which being read the Mas'r ordered the Petition to be left for further Consideration.

September 4th, 1754, The Petition of John Kennedy being taken into Consideration, and its appearing to the Lodge he's not an object of charity—'Twas rejected.

At a Lodge held the 18th September, 1754. Our Tyler, Br. Corporal's unhappy Circumstances being signified to the Lodge—Ordered that Bro. Manny, the Treas'r. pay him immediately Thirty Shillings.

At a Lodge held the 4th of December, 1754. The petition of Samuel Fisher (one of the Fraternity) was read setting forth that he was in a Distress's Condition having a Wife and Five small children—and he having offered his services as Tyler of our Lodge, the Worshipful Master was Pleased from the good character he bears for his sobriety and Honesty to appoint him as such until the next General Meeting S. John.

Bro. Reily upon the Representation of Bro. Swan that he was engag'd to pay the Church Fees of our late Bro. Corporal's burial, has undertaken to pay the same provided he can be refunded as soon as the first Mason be made.

Orders given that Bro. Reily be paid out of the first Admittance Money.

Bro. Corporal's Funeral

At a Lodge held ye 27th Decem'r, 1754, being the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

The question being put whether or not this Lodge shall be removed to ye New Lodge lately erected—

Ballotted for Pass'd in ye negative

Pursuant to our Bye-Laws the Master, Wardens and Treasurer were Ballotted for (and the Secretary appointed by the Master) were as follows, viz: Bro. Reily, Mas'r.—Swan, S. W.—McDowell, J. W.,—Manny, Treasurer & Jenkins, Secretary.

Agreeable to a Minute of ye 4th inst. Sam'l Fisher was appointed by the Master as Tyler til this Day, it being moved whether he as Tyler be continued any longer—It was unanimously agreed that he be.—& Continued Tyler to this Lodge for the ensuing year.

At a Lodge held ye 15th January, 1755. Upon this Night Bro. Astore was Raised and Paid 30 Shillings to the Secretary who instantly paid ye same to Bro. Reily pursuant to ye minute & Order of ye 4th December last to reimburse him for the Money by him advanced for the Expenses of Bro. Corporal's Funeral.

At an Extra Lodge held ye 22 day of January, 1755. Pursuant to a former Minute for reimbursing Br. Reily for Br. Corporal's funeral charges, paid Bro. Reily £ 1.7.6 in full of all demands on that acc't.

To Bro. Mullan paid £ 2.2.6. for ye use of ye Lodge being ye Ballance.

At a Lodge held 7th May, 1755. On motion of Bro. Jenkins recommending Cornelius Keith as a Tyler to this Lodge (which office is now Vacant) and further to become a Mason, he being willing to allow the charge out of his Sallary—A Ballot was accordingly made for each, it was Carried *Nem. Con.* and ordered that he be admitted next Lodge Night *Tyler* and made an Entered Apprentice.

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At a Lodge held ye 18th June, 1755. Br. Wayman proposed Bro. Ross to be member of this Lodge a Ballot being made allow'd *Nem. Con.* and he was accordingly Declared a member of this Lodge, and took his seat and subscribed his name to our Law.

Ordered by the Master that the members meet next Tuesday 24th inst. at Six O'Clock in ye morning to chuse officers for the ensuing six months and that ye members be summoned accordingly.

At a Lodge held 24th June, 1755, at Six O'Clock in ye morning.

The Lodge opened and chose the old officers for ye ensuing Six Mos. and adjourned to the Lodge Hall in order to join the Procession appointed for this Day.

The stewards from the Lodge upon this occasion were Walter Shee and Hugh Donaldson.

For a full account the Dedication of the Lodge House on Lodge Alley, see Memorial Volume of the Franklin Bi-Centenary Celebration, 1906, issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., p. 139.

At a Lodge held 2nd July, 1755.

PRESENT

Montague	} Visitors.	Reily, Mas'r.	} Members
Gofton		McDowell, Sen'r. W.	
Constable		Donaldson, Jun'r. W.	
Alvirus		Shee, Sec'y.	
Leech		Dutens	
Hillhouse		Boude	
Burton		Montague	

Reckoning paid	£1.15.9
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Ten O'Clock Lodge Closed.



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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
THE FREEMASON'S LODGE, DEDICATED 1755.—SOLD 1786.
LODGE ALLEY, ABOVE SECOND AND WALNUT STREETS, SOUTH SIDE
PHILADELPHIA.

The Old Minute Book

With this entry the old Minute Book abruptly closes, as after this date the Lodge evidently held its meetings in the New Hall in Lodge Alley. For some reason, this old Minute book remained with the Mullan family at the Tun Tavern, and was later used by a member of the family for other entries and records.

The last information we have of this old Lodge is the advertisement which appeared in the *Pennsylvania Journal*, Thursday, June 19, 1760, No. 915, page 3:

"The members of the Antient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons belonging to the regular Constituted Lodge No. 3 (called the Tun Lodge) are desired to meet, on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, at 12 o'clock at the Lodge, to Nominate Officers, pursuant to their Bye-Laws, and Commemorate and celebrate the Anniversary of their pious Patron, Saint John the Baptist.

"JOHN REILY,
"Seery."

The ultimate history of this old Lodge is not known; but it undoubtedly was the same as that of its sister Lodges. While some of the members were gradually absorbed by the "Ancients," who about this time came into prominence in Pennsylvania, others may have left the Province for political causes, or lost their interest in Freemasonry, as the "Ancients" gradually came into the majority, and owing to changes thus incident to the coming Revolution, the old Tun Tavern Lodge gradually succumbed and went out of existence.

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1749.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
JOHN ORD	June 28	July 5	Sept. 11	Nov. 1	Aug. 9		
Capt. <i>Vina Leacraft</i>	" 28	" 3	Oct. 12				
JOHN SLYDORN (Schleydhorn)	" 28	" 5	Sept. 11	Feb. 8	Sept. 11		
(Schleydhorn)			July 5	Aug. 2	July 5		
Bro. <i>Hugh Wright</i>				July 5	" 12		
BRO. EVE					" 12		
STEPHEN VIDAL	July 12	Aug. 2					
<i>John Fisher</i>							
— PHILLIPS							
— Foster							
THOMAS BLAKE							
<i>Edward Hemlin</i>	Aug. 9	" 16	Sept. 11	Nov. 8	Aug. 9		
— FLANEGAN	" 9	" 16	" 2	Oct. 4			
<i>Walter Murray</i>							
Dr. <i>Wm. Parker</i>	" 23	" 29	Sept. 11	Nov. 8	Sept. 11		
Capt. <i>Richard Savage</i>	Sept. 11	" 27	Aug. 16	Dec. 6			
WM. MASON			Sept. 11		Nov. 27/51		
— Murray			" 27				
<i>John Simes</i>	" 11	Sept. 27	" 11	Nov. 1			
<i>John Ross</i>	" 11		" 11				
CAPT. JAMES WHYTE	" 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 4		" 8		
— Wasdale			" 12	Oct. 12		Oct. 4	
JAMES CORFEE ¹			" 4	" 4			
Capt. <i>Samuel Wells</i>	Oct. 25						
CAPT. MICHAEL JAMES	" 25		Nov. 18	Nov. 8	" 29		
<i>Eneas Batten</i> ²	" 25	Nov. 1	" 8	Dec. 6		Jan. 3, rej.	
JOHN BOUDE	" 25	" 1	" 29	Feb. 8	Mar. 5		

¹ Died March 22.

² Rejected 1749/50.

Roster of Tun Tabern Lodge

1749.—Continued.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
<i>John Bruliet</i>	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 22	Dec. 6			
<i>Captain John Douglass</i>	" 8	Rejected	" 29				
Bowman Hunlock	" 8	Nov. 29	Jan. 24	March 5	March 7		
— <i>Flanagan</i>	" 29	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Jan. 3, 1749/50	April 4/50		
<i>William Shurts</i> ¹	Dec. 6	" 13	March 5	March 5	March 7		
<i>Capt. Richard Harris</i>	" 13	" 13	Jan. 24	March 5	Dec. 13		
FRANKLIN MANNY	" 13	" 13					
CAPT. THOMAS GLENTWORTH	" 13	" 13					
BRO. FALKNER (FALCKNER)	" 23	" 23	Jan. 9, 1749/50	Jan. 9, 1749/50			
Capt. — <i>Jenkins</i>	" 23	" 23	" 3	Jan. 24			
Capt. — <i>Tege</i>	" 27	Jan. 24, 1749/50	" 24	Mar. 6, 1750/1	March 6		
CAPT. JOHN AUSTIN	" 27						
<i>James Stevenson</i>	" 27	Rejected					
John Kibby	" 27	Rejected					
Benjamin Keen	" 27	Rejected					
— <i>Claxton</i>	Jan. 3						
ANTHONY DUGHERA	Feb. 14	Mar. 5	July 11	Sept. 5	Sept. 12		
<i>Samuel Harrison</i>	Mar. 5						
<i>James Tibbow</i>	" 7	Mar. 14					
JOHN REILLY	Mar. 14	Reinstated				Jan. 3, rej. " 3, "	

1750.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
<i>Peter Hudson</i>	Mar. 28	April 11	August 22	Mar. 27/1751	March 28		
BRO. — HAMPTON	" 28						
— Dyer	" 28	Rejected	April 4	April 4			
BRO. William Gamble	April 4						
BRO. WALTER SHEE	" 4	Reinstated					

¹ Joined No. 3, A. Y. M., Oct. 20/68, W. M.

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1750.—Continued.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
— Mason	Apl. 4	Rejected					
Charles Humphrys	" 11						
Bro. Edward Humphrys	" 11						
BRO. ARCHDALE	" 11	Reinstated					
BRO. JOHN CORPERAL	May 4	Admitted					
John Morris	" 4	" 4	June 13	June 13			
Newell Harris	" 4	" 4	" 13	" 13			
JOHN BILL (BIEI)	" 4	" 23	July 10/51	Aug. 7/51			
Edmund Stacy	" 4	" 23	June 13	" 1	Aug. 28/51	June 24/52	
John Ewing	June 27	July 4	July 11	Dec. 5			
— Russell	July 11	" 11	" 11				
Richard Allen	" 11	Rejected					
Benjamin Keen	" 25	Aug. 22					
ALEXANDER McDOWELL	" 25	" 8	Sept. 12	Sept. 12	Sept. 12		
CAPT. — MCCARTHY	Aug. 22	" 22	" 5	" 12	Dec. 26		
Capt. — Broune	" 22	" 22	Aug. 25	" 5			
Capt. — Busue	" 22	" 22	" 25	" 5			
Christian Hunter	" 25	" 25	" 25	" 5			
William Lee	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	" 12			
MATTHEW USHER (REV.)	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 24	Nov. 7		Tr. Gent.
— Dellanoe	" 10	" 10	" 10	Oct. 24	Oct. 10		Tr. Gent.
BRO. — BATTAB	" 10						
— Collins	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 7			
EDWARD WAYMAN	" 7	" 14	March 14	June 5	June 5		
Gabriel Neeman Ren.	" 7	" 14	Nov. 28				
RUDY ROBINSON	" 28	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	April 3/1751	Apl. 3/1751		
MORRIS MORGAN	Dec. 12	" 12	" 19	March 6	March 6		
CAPT. — ADAMS	" 19	" 19		" 6	" 6		

Roster of Tun Tabern Lodge

1750/1.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
JOHN STEPHENS	Jan. 23	Jan. 23	Mar. 27	June 5	June 5		Tr. Gent.
HUGH DONALDSON	" 23	" 23	" 14	May 1	May 1		Tr. Gent.
PAUL ISAAC VOTO ¹	Feb. 13	Feb. 27		June 5			
James Runnedett	Mar. 14	Mar. 14					
James Wood	" 14						

1751.

Thomas Jones	Mar. 27	Mar. 27	Mar. 27	June 5	June 5		
James Reynolds	" 27	" 27	May 22	July 3	July 3		
JOSEPH WOOD	Apl. 3	Apl. 10	" 22	May 1			
GEORGE HART	May 1						
Bro. Dr. — Done	" 1						
James Haselton	" 22	May 22	" 22	Aug. 7	Aug. 28		
CAPT. GEORGE SHANNON	" 22		Nov. 27	June 14			
Joseph Smith	June 12	June 14		Feb. 5			
James Smith	" 26	Admitted					
Bro. — CLAMFFER	July 10	July 10	" 27	" 5	Feb. 12		Tr. Gent.
William Moore	" 10	" 10	Sept. 4	Sept. 4			
HOWELL MORGAN	Aug. 14	Aug. 14					
Capt. Robert Boyde	" 14	" 14					
Capt. Luke Stokes	Sept. 11	Rejected					
John Howard	" 11	Sept. 11	Jan. 8	Feb. 5	Dec. 27/52		
Erasmus Stevens			Nov. 27				
CHAS. JOHN DUTENS	Nov. 27	Admitted	Dec. 9	Dec. 11	Dec. 11		
BRO. — GIBBONS	Dec. 9	Dec. 9					
DR. DAVID HAY							

¹ Joined Lodge No. 3, A. X. M., January 14th, 1768.

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1751-52.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
<i>Capt. Lawrence Backop</i>	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Feb. 5	Feb. 5			
<i>William Young</i>	Apr. 8	April 8	Oct. 25				
<i>Frederick Baker</i>	" 8	April 8	Oct. 25				
<i>Mathew Best</i>	May 13	May 13					
<i>James Coppock</i>	" 13	" 13	July 22				
<i>Capt. — Lemon</i>	June 3	June 3	July 22				
<i>Thomas White</i>	" 3	June 3	July 22				
<i>Capt. Daniel Joy</i>	Aug. 5	Aug. 5	Aug. 26	Aug. 26			
<i>JOHN WILKINSON</i>	" 5	" 5	Oct. 25	Jan. 3/53	Jan. 3/53		
<i>Capt. Peter Eaton</i>	" 5	" 5	Aug. 26	Aug. 26			
<i>Edward Legg</i>	Nov. 3	Nov. 3	Nov. 8				
<i>JOHN JENKINS</i>	" 8	" 22	Jan. 3/53	Feb. 7	Feb. 7		
<i>James Terry</i>	" 22	" 22	" 3/53	Jan. 18/53	Rejected		
<i>Joachim Rick (Wrick)</i>	Dec. 27	Jan. 3/53	March 7	June 20			

1753.

<i>Capt. Conway Heighington</i>	Jan. 6	Jan. 6	Jan. 10	Jan. 18			
<i>Thomas Longwell</i>	" 10	Feb. 7					
<i>John Wormly</i>	" 24	Rejected ¹					
<i>Peter Meynier</i>	Feb. 7	Feb. 7					
<i>Lewis James</i>	Mar. 7	March 7	May 16	May 16			
<i>Joseph Carbutt</i>	July 4	July 18	Dec. 19				
<i>CAPT. GEORGE ECKLES</i>	" 18	Aug. 1	Nov. 21	Aug. 21/54	Aug. 21/54		
<i>Samuel Bunting</i>	Aug. 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 19				
<i>Capt. Edward Wyatt</i>	Dec. 19	Dec. 19	Dec. 19				

¹ Rejected, under age.

Roster of Tun Tabern Lodge

1754.

Name.	Elected.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Elected Member.	Ceased.	Visitors.
<i>Robert Thompson</i>	March 20	March 20					
<i>William Asheton</i>	Sept. 4	Oct. 2	Jan. 15/55	Jan. 15/55			
<i>William Holland</i>	" 18	" 5	June 18	June 18	June 18		
<i>JOHN ROSS</i>							
<i>Jeremiah Coaghlan</i> ¹	Oct. 16	" 16					

1755.

<i>Capt. Philip Godfred Kurst</i>	Jan. 22	Jan. 22	Jan. 22	Feb. 19			
<i>Cornelius Keith</i>	May 7	May 21					
<i>John De Lathcolias</i>							

¹Of the ship Ira Mason.

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VISITORS RECORDED IN THE OLD MINUTE BOOK OF THE TUN TAVERN LODGE

* Members of Lodge No. 2.

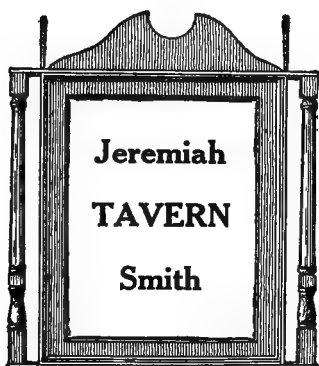
† Members of the First Lodge.

Agnew	Griffin	*Roberson, Francis
Allen	Hilliart	*Rouse, Emanuel
Alsop, John	Hampton	*Salter, Elisha
Alvirus	Houston	Sannon
*Arnold, George	Howison	Scott
Ashton,	Keappoch, John	Servin (Serven), John
Austin, Samuel	Kelly	Shannon
Baine	*Knight, John	*Shead, William
Batkhus	*Leacock, John	Singleton
Battle, Trench	Leech, Joseph	*Skinner, Abram
*Bayley, John	McEvoy (McEvey),	Smith, Capt.
*Blair, James	Christin	Smith, Bro.
Boggs	*McFarson, John	Sommersett
Bowser	Malone	Soute
Brooks	Mathers	Splitdorf
Burk	Mathews	Stephanus, Sebastian
Burton	Maurement	Stephens
Clemens	*Milnor, Isaac	Stout (Stoute)
Constable	Mitchell, Joshua	Summaine
Currey, Daniel	Montague (Monteigue)	Tew
*Davis, Dr. Samuel	†Moore, William	Thompson
Davison	Morgan, Morris	Tomson
*Dewitt (Dawit), David	Nicholson	Urich (Urick)
Diper (Dipper)	Nunes	Viten
Eggnew	Oglesby	Wallace
*Evans, Caleb	*Osborn, Jonas	West
Faten	Palmer, David	Williams, Captain
*Fisher, Thomas	Parry	Wood
Fotheringham	Patterson	Woolley
†Franklin, Jun. (Wil-	Pattin (Patin)	Woodyear, Lumley
liam)	Quinn	Woulfe
Gantony	Redhead	Yates
Gilson (Gibson)	*Rice, William	Yeates
Goffton	Rick (Reick), Joachim	Young, Mutry
Gordon, John	†Roberdeau Daniel	



CHAPTER VI.

THE FOURTH LODGE OF THE "MODERNS."



THE warrant granted by Provincial Grand Master Allen in the year 1757, was the last issued by the "Modern" or original Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This Lodge was constituted at the public house of Jeremiah Smith, supposed to have been on the north side of Walnut Street, one or two doors west of Second

Street, and, as a matter of fact, just around the corner from the new Lodge House on Lodge Alley.

It was on St. John's Day, June 24, 1757, when some twenty Brethren assembled in an upper room of Bro. Smith's Tavern, and after a Lodge was duly tyled and opened in proper form, the warrant from Grand Master Allen was read, which named Bro. George Brooks as Worshipful Master of the new Lodge for the time being. Bro. Brooks was an English Mason and a master painter and plumber in Philadelphia.

The ceremonies of constitution being ended, Bro. John Gilchrist delivered a lecture on the "Kee of the Lodge," after

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which the Worshipful Master delivered a charge to the Brethren with respect to their "Duty towards God and the Brethren"; at the same time Bro. John Gilchrist and John McAuley were installed as Senior Warden and Junior Warden, respectively. Among those present was Bro. Thomas Boude, a member of the Grand Lodge and First Lodge, who addressed the Brethren and advised them to rent a room for their meetings in the new "Freemasons' Lodge" in Lodge Alley, at a rental of ten pounds per annum.

This advice, however, the Brethren refused to act upon.

At the time of constitution, two Brethren, Bros. Rible and Savage, were admitted as members.

At the next stated meeting, July 2, 1757, the by-laws were read, approved and cheerfully subscribed to by all the members present. A petition was received from Joseph Tatem and approved.

At the meeting, August 9, 1757, Bro. Tatem was entered and a petition received from Isaac Vansant. Four visitors also applied, two of whom, Bro. Joseph Brown, of Lodge No. 2, and Bro. Davies were admitted, the other rejected.

It is an interesting fact that we still have the Masonic apron and scarf worn by Bro. Joseph Brown; both pieces were presented to, and are prominently displayed in, the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, together with the original of the following letter:

"No. 321 PINE STREET.

"PHILADELPHIA, August 1st, 1893.

"THE HON. RICHARD VAUX,

"*My dear Sir:*

"My kinsman Mr. Theodore J. Donnelly has already shown to you the accompanying Masonic Regalia and told you somewhat of its history.

Relics of Bro. Joseph Brown

"The Regalia was the property of and worn by my great-grandfather Joseph Brown who in the last century lived in Philadelphia, and died here in 1776. The following year, 1777, Philadelphia was in possession of the British Troops. My great grandmother was then a widow with five young daughters, and it has always been a tradition in the family well authenticated by the memory of its long lived members, that instructions were given by the British Officers in command, not to molest the widow of Joseph Brown or her family. It has always been an equally real tradition that this protection was given by reason of his eminence in Masonry and the esteem of his brethren of the craft.

"One of the daughters of Joseph Brown, my grandmother, Catharine Brown, was born in 1766, and in 1791 was married to Lewis Taylor, a well known merchant here, for many years doing business at the S. E. corner of 5th and Market Sts. Catharine Taylor died at 423 Pine Street in 1855, aged 89 years, and after her mother's death, during her long life, this collar and apron were sacredly kept in her possession. Since her death we have retained them with appreciating care.

"The members of our family now feel that perhaps these Regalia have a value beyond our domestic circle and from their great age and the memories surrounding them should be preserved where an interest in them will not cease when we have passed away. It is our wish therefore that you shall present them on our behalf to the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, or shall make such other disposition of them in your better wisdom, as shall ensure their permanent preservation and proper appreciation by your Honorable Fraternity.

"I am with great respect

"Yours very sincerely,

"(Sgd.) CATHARINE B. T. ASHMEAD."

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There is also a well-authenticated tradition that these relics of Bro. Brown were the immediate cause for the extended protection. Bro. Joseph Brown does not appear to have affiliated with the "Ancients" in later years, but remained true to his allegiance to the "Moderns."

August 15, 1757, the officers of the Lodge met at the house of Jere Smith, to consider the situation, as the report had gone forth that they worked in the "Ancient" way. The trouble culminated at the next stated meeting held September 13, 1757, when three candidates were entered as "Ancients," viz., Robert Patton, William Hodge and John McGlathrey. There were present four visitors, Judah Foulks, Lodge No. 1, Nathaniel Faulkner, Dr. Atwood Cowman and James Johnston, who had come for the express purpose of obtaining evidence against the Brethren of the new Lodge as to their method of work. A memorandum in the minutes states: "All [the visitors] behaved as spies from an enemy's camp, as by these Minutes will appear." As a result of this espionage, a week later, September 21, 1757, W. M. George Brooks, and his officers, Bros. John Gilchrist and John McCauley were summoned before a committee of the First and Second Lodges, and charged with being "Ancient" Masons, a fact which the Brethren did not deny. After a long debate, the matter was referred to the Grand Lodge, who also issued a summons against the Brethren of the new Lodge. At this meeting (date not given), the officers of the Grand Lodge examined the officers and some Brethren of the Lodge, who did not deny that they were "Ancient" Masons, and adhered to and worked under that ritual. This action, of course, the Grand Officers did not approve, and finally put the question to the Brethren of Lodge No. 4, "Whether they would become what they were in manner and form." To this the unanimous answer was given: "That they neither could nor would, and were de-

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terminated never to forsake the good old way." After this conference, the warrant was suspended by the Grand Lodge.

October 18, 1757, a Lodge was again opened in proper form by order from the Master, at the house of Jeremiah Smith, when Bro. Tatem was passed and John Campbell entered. Upon this occasion Bro. John Carill, who was evidently a bright "Ancient" Mason from abroad, "Vised the Lodge," approving the work.

November 13, 1757, the Brethren again met by order of the Master, when Bro. Tatem was raised and Bros. Campbell and McGlathery were passed.

December 27, 1757, St. John's Day, the Brethren met by order of the Master, when the following officers were chosen, viz.: Bro. George Brooks, W. M., John Gilchrist, Past Master, Joseph Croker, S. W., John McCauley, J. W., Bradford Roberts, Sec'y., John McCauley, Sen. Treasurer, Edward Cox, Sen. Deacon, William Ranburry, Jun. Deacon.

Three visitors were present at this meeting, all "Ancient" Masons, John Blackwood, Blaithwaite Jones and Charles Burnes, all being members of Lodge No. 2, "Ancients" of London.

Since the suspension of their warrant in September, the Lodge had been working under "several disadvantages"; entirely under the orders of the Master, a condition not satisfactory to the Brethren; consequently, a number of the Brethren met at Jere Smith's, by order of the Master, January 3, 1758, where after consultation a petition was drawn to be sent to London, there to be laid before the Grand Lodge of "Ancients," requesting a warrant, etc.

January 10, 1758, after a Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Blackwood read the petition, also a letter he had written to Lodge No. 2, "Ancients," in London. The petition was then approved and signed by all the officers and members, and

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sealed, in order to be sent to New York, and from there to London by the first opportunity. The signers were as follows: George Brooks, Master; Joseph Croker, Senior Warden; John McCauley, Junior Warden; John McCauley, Senior, Treasurer; John Gilchrist, Secretary; John Biles, Robert Patton, Bradford Roberts, William Gaa, John McGlathery, John Campbell, Henry Hollen, Joseph Tatem, members present.

Hence the Lodge continued working in the "Ancient" way, evidently without a regular warrant, but otherwise complying with all the requirements of the Craft.

June 24, 1758, St. John's Day, Anno Mundi 5758, Lodge opened in proper form, at the house of Jeremiah Smith, by order of the Master, when Bro. John Blackwood was unanimously chosen Master; Bro. John Gilchrist, Deputy Master; John McAuley, Senior Warden; Abraham Chattin, Junior Warden; William Gaa, Treasurer; Thomas Blanch White, Secretary; Bro. Ranburry, Senior Deacon, and William Ferris, Junior Deacon.

The thanks of the Lodge were tendered to P. M. Bro. George Brooks for the great services he had done for them. The officers were installed in proper form.

The petition of the Brethren reached London in due course of time, and during the summer the prayer of the Brethren was granted. The warrant was dated the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight (June 7, 1758), and was recorded as No. 1, in Pennsylvania and No. 69, in England.

This warrant was received in January, 1759, and was read before the Lodge, January 23, 1759, together with a fraternal missive from Lodge No. 2, of London.

Henceforth all connection with the Grand Lodge ("Moderns") and the three Subordinate Lodges in the Province was severed, and this Lodge became the nucleus from which the

present Grand Lodge and its hundreds of subordinates gradually evolved.

How this old Lodge eventually, for a time, virtually became the Grand Lodge, and, after successful efforts on the part of its Brethren to obtain a warrant for a Provincial Grand Warrant (July 15, 1761), vacated its claim to No. 1 and accepted No. 2, is fully set forth in the elaborate history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, as shown by the records of this old Lodge.¹

Following is the roster of this Lodge, showing the work done prior to the receipt of the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, according to the Old Constitutions ("Ancients").

Henceforth this Lodge, under its new dispensation, became the most active Masonic body in the Western World, from out of which arose the Provincial Grand Lodge ("Ancient") of Pennsylvania. The Lodge under its new number, "2", survived all the trying vicissitudes during the Revolutionary, the yellow fever and the anti-Masonic periods, and now, in the twentieth century, still dispenses Masonic light and charity in the City of Brotherly Love.

This chapter closes the story of the Lodges warranted by the original Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, known as the "Moderns."

¹"Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," as Shown by the Records of Lodge No. 2 F. and A. M. of Philadelphia from the year A. L. 5757, A. D. 1757, Compiled from original sources by Norris S. Barratt, Past Master Lodge No. 2, and Julius F. Sachse Past Master Lodge No. 91. Philadelphia, 1908, Vol. I, p. 13 *et seq.*



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1757.

	Proposed.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Member.
Rible.....	June 24, 1757
Savage.....	June 24, 1757
Joseph Tatem.....	July 2	Aug. 9	Oct. 18	Nov. 13	
Isaac Vanast.....	Aug. 9	Sept. 15	July 11/58		
Brown.....	Visitors
Davies.....	Aug. 9
Robert Patton.....	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	
William Hodge.....	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 15	
John McGlathrey.....	Sept. 13	Nov. 13		
Foukes.....	Sept. 13
Nathaniel Faulkner.....	Sept. 13
Dr. Atwood Cowman.....	Sept. 13
James Johnston.....	Sept. 13
John Campbell.....	Oct. 18	Nov. 13	Sept. 13
John Carll.....	Oct. 18

Roster of Lodge No. 4 "Moderns"

1758.

	Proposed.	Entered.	Passed.	Raised.	Member.
William Feares.....	Jan. 10	Jan. 10	Feb. 4	Mar. 14	
Alexander Rutherford.....	Jan. 10	Jan. 10	May 8	Jan. 9/59	
Abraham Chatin.....	Jan. 10	Jan. 10	Feb. 14	Mar. 14	
James Blanch White.....	Feb. 14	Feb. 14	Mar. 4	April 11	
Gustavus Hambleton.....	Feb. 14	April 11	Oct. 10	June 24	
Abishia Chatin.....	Feb. 14	May 8	June 14	June 14	
William Jaret (Gerard).....	April 11	April 11	May 8		May 8
Joseph Maranda.....					
J. Hovey.....	June 14				
Francis Chattin.....	June 14	June 24	July 11	Nov. 14	
Hillman.....	June 14				
Samuel Crispin.....	June 24	July 11	Sept. 12	Nov. 14	May 8
John Craig.....					
Daniel McMichael.....	Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Oct. 24	Nov. 14	
John Lambkin.....	Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Oct. 24		
John Chatin.....	Sept. 12				
Abraham Williamson.....	Sept. 12	Oct. 10			
Leonard Hamilton.....	Oct. 10	Oct. 24			
Alexander Grimes.....				Oct. 24	Nov. 14 in prison

1759.

	Jan. 23		
James Dimer.....			

Received the 30th December 1753 of Benjamin
 Benham the Sum of Twenty Shillings & 6^{pence}
 in full for Deb: Watsons Tyings Due to this Day
 J. Joseph Warner

FAC-SIMILE OF BILL FOR TYING THE GRAND LODGE OF "MODERNS" A. D. 1753. ORIGINAL IN ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, VOL. A. P. 5.

PART II

**LODGES UNDER THE PROVINCIAL
GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

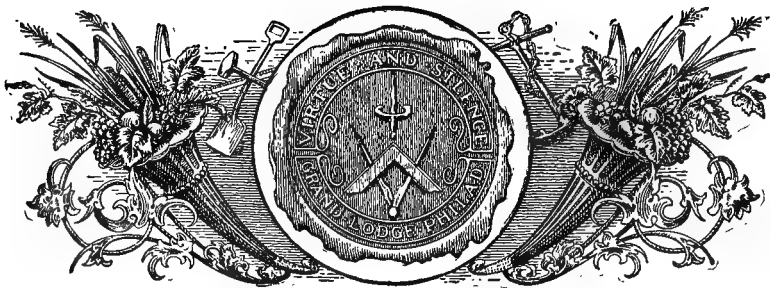
“ANCIENTS,” 1761-1786



Wm Ball

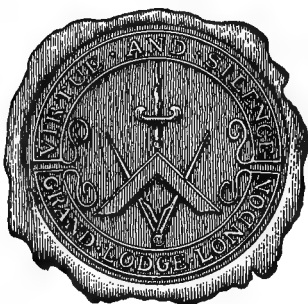
BORN OCTOBER 26, 1729; DIED MAY 31, 1810.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA "ANCIENTS" 1761-1782. R. W. G. M. 1795.



CHAPTER VII.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, "ANCIENTS," 1761-1786.



NOW the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "Ancients," according to the Old Constitutions, came into existence is fully set forth in the lately published "History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Volume I, Chapter V, pp. 111-140. The original warrant, bearing date, July 15, 1761, is securely preserved in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The active career of this old Grand Lodge is shown by the number of Lodges warranted during the quarter of a century of its existence, viz.: 1761-1786, in contrast to that of the older Grand Lodge, "Moderns."

All that is known of the history of the Provincial Grand Lodge prior to the year 1779, gleaned as most of it was from fragmentary scraps found in our Archives, is set forth in the above named volume. From July 29, 1779, the minutes are complete up to the memorable twenty-fifth day of September, 1786, when the Lodges composing the Grand Lodge

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declared their independence of the Mother Grand Lodge in England.

The full account of this action is set forth in Volume II, *Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907*, p. 103 *et seq.*

The memorable action taken by the Provincial Grand Lodge, September 25, 1786, was not a hurried one, or done under the impulse of the moment. On September 3, 1783, a definite Treaty of Peace had been signed at Paris between Great Britain and the United States, Bro. Benjamin Franklin being one of the American Commissioners, and was finally ratified by the Executive Council of Pennsylvania on January 14, 1784, and publicly proclaimed by Bro. Thomas Proctor, High Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, May 10, 1784.

At this time the political unrest increased throughout the States. The "Articles of Confederation," as the plan of government for the new Nation, adopted by the Congress in 1777, was called, had at last become operative by its approval by the thirteenth State, Maryland, on March 1, 1781; but it was soon found to be worthless, as the governing body, Congress, had no power to lay taxes, regulate commerce or punish law breaking. Later, in the winter of 1786-87, the unrest became so great, that an insurrection broke out in western Massachusetts.

There was a universal demand for some system of government that would consolidate the States under a general government, and at the same time allow them to retain their individual rights, without in any way being subservient to any other State. A convention was called by Virginia to meet at Annapolis, in 1786; but, as only five States appointed delegates, nothing came of it; in the following year, 1787, Congress approved a call for a convention, and as a result what is known as the Constitutional Convention of 1787 met in Phila-

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delphia that year, and drafted our present form of government, which went into effect in 1789.

The feeling of unrest and a desire for freedom appeared in the Masonic Fraternity, and a movement was started in 1783, by the Lodges on the "Eastern Shore" of Maryland, which had been warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to form a Grand Lodge for Maryland under a warrant to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; later, they invited the Lodges in Delaware to join them.

The first independent Grand Lodge in the United States was that Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of which the patriot General Joseph Warren had been the Grand Master, he holding his station by a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the time of his lamented death on Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, his Grand Lodge realized that, under their warrant as a Provincial Grand Lodge, they had no power to elect a Grand Master. After the evacuation of Boston, and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, both in 1776, the Grand Lodge was able to resume its Communications, and on March 7, 1777, after due notice to the Lodges, it elected a Grand Master, thereby becoming an independent body. This action was reaffirmed on January 6, 1782, and on January 3, 1783, the Grand Lodge "voted a Committee of Seven be appointed to write to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Informing them the reasons why the Grand Lodge in Commonwealth Massachusetts Assumed to Themselves that Dignity [i.e. "Independency"]—the same Committee Also to write to the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, informing them of the Assumption of this Grand Lodge."

The Massachusetts Saint John's Grand Lodge, "Moderns," united with the other Grand Lodge in 1792.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under

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date of June 17, 1784, show that a Committee "was requested to form a Circular Letter to be sent to the different Grand Lodges in the United States including such Remarks and Observations as may appear to them most beneficial to the Craft, and present the same on next St. John's Day." It was not, however, until August 4th, that the Committee, at "an Extra Grand Lodge," presented its report, which was unanimously approved of, and "the Secretary was ordered to transcribe fair copies of the same and send them to the several Grand Masters in the United States as soon as possible."

This "Circular Letter" has not been printed in any of the publications of the Grand Lodge, but among its Archives there is a manuscript¹ entitled "Copy of a circular Letter sent to the several Grand Lodges in the United States," but without any date; and only recently has the present writer been able to identify the manuscript as the letter of August 4, 1784, by comparing it with the letter to be found at pages 20, 21 and 22 in "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia From 1777 to 1823," by John Dove, Grand Secretary.

As an interesting addition to the history of our Grand Lodge, the letter is here reproduced:

CIRCULAR FROM GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"By the return of peace and the connections formed between the States of which we are members with respect to each other & other nations we feel ourselves happy that it is in our power to renew and extend more widely than ever that intercourse of labors and love which had been unhappily interrupted for some years past. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania wishes to renew their reciprocity of friendly offices with the Craft in Great Britain & foresee they shall have occasion

¹ MSS., Vol. C, paquet 138, folio 47.

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to inlarge the circle of their correspondence. The necessity of this measure we doubt not is obvious to you. But as the government of this State has acquired a new character¹ & is now ranked as one of the nations we think it our duty to proceed with that caution & respect which true masons have always shewn to the sovereign power. And considering ourselves connected with you as citizens of confederated States we are induced in the first instance to solicit your attention to the general state of the craft in this country, & refer ourselves to your opinion what line of conduct it will be proper to adopt. We are impelled to an immediate consideration of this matter by the following circumstances

“1. It is a prevailing opinion among the brethren here that the alteration of the political relation between our country & that from which we received our warrant renders it improper to continue any acknowledgment of dependency & ought to exclude every kind of foreign jurisdiction

“2. Some lodges in another State have seceded & declared their right to have a Grand Lodge in their own State & have proceeded to work as such.

“3. Some lodges in a neighboring State under our Jurisdiction have applied to us for a grand warrant for that State.

“On these facts we beg to suggest the following queries

“1. Whether agreeable to the antient Masonic institutions we may grant a Grand warrant?

“2. Whether it may not lay a foundation for much evil to the craft should we do it in the present unconnected state of the Grand lodges?

“3. Whether greater evils may not be apprehended should particular lodges be left to take their own way or to apply to different Gr. lodges abroad. And

“4. Whether a convention may not be formed by the several

¹“charter” in Virginia copy.

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Gr. lodges in the U. States to provide for such exigencies & superintend the craft, conducive to the general harmony & to the well working together of the craft?

“We feel ourselves impressed with a view of the necessity of something being done speedily & workmanlike. All due respect we will ever pay to the Gr. Lodge of England. But we feel ourselves also closely connected with the brethren of Scotland & Ireland & that our circle of labors ought to include true masons of every country. We have had the pleasure of working with brethren of divers languages & see a prospect of labors unlimited by name or place hence² a necessity of knowing and being known abroad. From these considerations & in order to preserve harmony uniformity³ & subordination among ourselves we wish to recommend an annual convention or chapter of deputies from the several Grand lodges in the U. States to be established for the only purposes of conferring together & mutual advice. At the same time it is our opinion that no higher or other powers than those now existing can or ought to be established, & our fixed resolution not to derange⁴ the present system. Though we see the necessity of some measure of this nature yet we are not tenacious of the mode we now propose. If you approve of the object we shall be happy; if you suggest⁵ a more eligible means of effecting it we will as cheerfully work with you. We think that by laying the foundation strong & planting the roots well in this young country we shall give stability to the structure & that the shade of the tree will give refreshment to the weary laborer, nourishment to the needy & delight to all who shall repose under it.

²“thence” in Virginia copy.

³“uniformity” not in Virginia copy.

⁴“change” in Virginia copy.

⁵if you “should” suggest in Virginia copy.

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“We therefore wish you to nominate & authorize some of your master workmen to meet with such as we shall appoint at any time & place agreeable to you to confer on these matters. In the mean time the better to be prepared on the subject should any thing occur to you which we have not suggested we solicit a communication & will give all due consideration thereto.

“We beg leave to add that we hear that the brethren mentioned to have formed a Gr. Lodge have reconsidered the business of their application for a Gr. Warrant now lying before us waiting the result of our proposition now made to you.”

The Virginia copy is signed by “WILL. ADCOCK, G. M. By order: Joseph Howell, Jun’r, G. Sec’y.” and is addressed to “The R. W. Grand Master, Ancient York Masons, Fredericksburg.”

The minutes of the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held February 3, 1786, contain the following:—
“Whereas This Grand Lodge have in their Circular Letter to the several Grand Lodges on this Continent declared that their subordinate connection with the Grand Lodge of England no longer existed, on motion and seconded, that the words usually inserted in the Warrants under its Jurisdiction declarative of such subordination be not inserted in any future Warrants; and the same being taken under consideration, it was agreed to postpone the same.”

At the following March Communication, on the 27th day, it was “ordered that a Circular Letter be written to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction generally, informing them that it is the wish of the Grand Lodge to establish themselves as a Grand Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and that it is intended to take up the matter at the quarterly communication in Sept. next, and requesting

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their attendance either by their proper officers or by Deputation in writing.”

In accordance with this letter, at the Communication on September 25, 1786, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed forever, and the present “Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging” was opened. A fraternal letter was ordered sent to the Grand Lodge of England, “taking a formal leave of them.”²

During the quarter century of the existence of the Provincial Grand Lodge great changes had taken place upon the western continent. The thirteen Colonies had thrown off the yoke of fealty to England. The United Colonies were now free States, and taking steps to form a permanent union, which was destined eventually to become a great world power, with its ninety-three millions of inhabitants at the present writing. By a strange coincidence, it so happened that the Declaration of Independence by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was also made by the representatives of thirteen Lodges.

While the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, “Moderns,” warranted but three Subordinate Lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, “Ancients,” warranted no less than fifty-five Subordinate Lodges, in Pennsylvania, the adjoining States, and more distant communities, together with traveling warrants for Lodges in various regiments during the Revolutionary struggle, as follows:

WARRANTS GRANTED BY THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, “ANCIENTS.”

Philadelphia.

No. 2. Granted February 10, 1780, on surrendering its old warrant, dated June 7, 1758, No. 69, on roll of Grand Lodge of England.

² Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1908, p. 143 *et seq.*

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GRAND M

William Dickey S.G.W.

Wm. Estor

TO ALL WHOM

W the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity
by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin at York. In the year of our Lord
Thousand, Time hundred, Twenty and Six. In ample form assembled we, the
Lord Baron of Dillington &c in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons
M^r William Dickey Lord G^o Warden, And the R^o Worshipful James G^o
Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster
or hereafter may become Inhabitants in the Provinces of Pensilvania To
Provinces Independent of any former Dispensation, Warrant or Constitution, give
Constitute and Appoint Our Trusty and dearly beloved Brother The R^o W^o
aforesaid and the Territories thereunto belonging. Our Trusty and well beloved
Our Trusty and well beloved Brother M^r David Hall his Son Grand
his Jun^r Grand Warden, &c And we do hereby further Authorise and Impower
Captain Blathwaite James and David Hall & Hugh Lemna To Grant Dispensation, Warrant
Worship's Jurisdiction aforesaid And in his or such other Lodge or Lodges by the
Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout
Worshipfull Provincial Grand Lodge of Pensilvania To hear and determine
aforesaid strictly requiring all our Loving Brethren within the said Jurisdiction
that shall from time to time be Ordaied, Spuied, or Deceied by the said R^o W^o
And lastly, We do hereby further Authorise and Impower our said Trusty
Blathwaite James David Hall & Hugh Lemna with advice a
Chuse and Install their Successors, To whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and
Successors shall in likemanner Nominate, Chuse, and Install their Success
-gates day, During the Continuance of this Lodge for Ever. Prob
To this Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no
in London the Twentieth day of June In the Year of our Lords One thousand

N^o B. this Warrant is Registered
in the G^o Lodge in London Vol 3^d Letter C
and bears date July 15th 1761

FAC-SIMILE OF THE ORIGINAL WARRANT GRANTED JULY 15,
OLD CONSTITUTIONS, FOR A PROVINCIAL GRA

N^o 89 in England

J.G.W.

(44) of Free and Accepted Masters, according to the Old Constitutions, granted
 Nine hundred, Twenty and, Six, And in the Year of M^o Masonry four
 Right Worshipful and Right Honorable Thomas Crisler, Earl of Arley, Viscount Tontine,
 the R^o Worshipful M^o William Cyprian Deputy G. M. the R^o Worshipful
 an Esquire, Jun^r G^o Warden &c. With the approbation and Consent of the Warranted
 Do hereby Authorize and empower our Trusty and well beloved Brethren, that are now
 Term and hold a Grand Lodge in the City of Philadelphia in the said
 voted by us or our predecessors to any part of America. And we do hereby nominate
 Right William Ball Esquire, our Provincial Grand Master in Pennsylvania
 Master Captain Blaithwaite Jones ————— his Deputy Grand Master
 and Warden, And our Trusty and well beloved Brother M^o Hugh Limox —
 our said Trusty and well ————— Beloved Brethren M^o W^m Ball Esq.
 into, or (Constitutions for the forming, holding, and well governing Lodges within his
 Authority) To make and admit freemasons according to the most Ancient and
 the known World. And we do also further Impower and Appoint the said Right
 all and singular matters relating to the Craft within the Territories and Jurisdiction
 to be conformable to all and every of the good Rules, Orders, Statutes, and Decrees
 Rightful Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
 and dearly beloved Brethren M^o W^m Ball Esquire Captain —
 and Consent of the Warranted Lodges within the Jurisdiction aforesaid To nominate
 and invest them with all their powers and dignities as Free Masters, And such
 De. De. De. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every 5th Term (the Evan-
 dizing that the above named Brethren and all their Successors pay due Respect
 force nor written. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge
 and, Seven hundred, Sixty and four, And in the Year of M^o Masonry 576 four.

Sau. Dermott & Son



Warrants Granted

- No. 3. Granted February 2, 1764.
- No. 4. Granted December 28, 1772.
- No. 8. Granted June 24, 1766.
- No. 9. Granted 1766 for Lancaster; surrendered December 18, 1779; secondly, to Lodge in Philadelphia, August 3, 1780.
- No. 13. Granted July 29, 1769.
- No. 19. Granted to Pennsylvania Artillery, May 18, 1779; secondly, to Lodge in Philadelphia, January, 1787.

Pennsylvania Outside of Philadelphia.

- No. 9. See above.
- No. 11. Granted for Lodge in Bucks County, August 17, 1768; secondly, for Lodge at London Grove, Chester Co., February 16, 1782.
- No. 12. Granted for Lodge in Bucks County.
- No. 31. Granted for Lodge in Norristown, March 26, 1781; also given as a Travelling Warrant, Wentz Tavern.
- No. 21. Granted for Lodge in Harrisburg, October 4, 1779.
- No. 22. Granted for Lodge in Sunbury, October 4, 1779.
- No. 24. Granted for Lodge in Reading, January 26, 1780.
- No. 25. Granted for Lodge in Bristol, Bucks County, March 15, 1780.
- No. 26. Granted for Lodge in Carlisle, March 19, 1780.
- No. —. Granted for Lodge in Easton, September 2, 1782.
- No. 43. Granted for Lodge in Lancaster, April 21, 1785.
- No. 45. Granted for Lodge in Pittsburgh, December 27, 1785.
- No. 47. Granted for Lodge in Reading, December 27, 1785.

Military Lodges.

- No. 18. Regimental warrant to 17th British Regiment of Foot, granted during the British occupation, 1777-1778.

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- No. 19. See above.
- No. 20. Regimental warrant in North Carolina line.
- No. 27. Regimental warrant in Maryland line, granted April 4, 1780. This warrant was also used to open a Lodge at Charleston, South Carolina.
- No. 28. Regimental warrant in Pennsylvania Line.
- No. 29. Regimental warrant in Pennsylvania line, granted August 4, 1780. This warrant was also used later to open a Lodge at Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland.
- No. 30. Believed to have been granted to Hiram Delaware Regimental Lodge, the warrant and jewels of which, were captured by the British, at the battle of Camden, August 16, 1780.
- No. 36. Regimental warrant for New Jersey Brigade, granted September 2, 1782.

Virginia.

- No. 12. Granted for Lodge at Winchester, October 4, 1768.
- No. 39. Granted for Lodge at Alexandria, Fairfax County, February 3, 1783—the Lodge of which Bro. George Washington was an honorary member, now Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, under the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.
- No. 41. Granted June 26, 1784, for Lodge to be held at Portsmouth.

Delaware.

- No. 5. Granted for Lodge at Cantwell's Bridge, June 24, 1765.
- No. 14. Granted for Lodge at Christiana Ferry, December 27, 1769.
- No. 18. Granted for Lodge at Dover, Kent County, August 26, 1775.

Warrants Granted

- No. 33. Granted for Lodge to be held alternately at New Castle and Christiana Bridge, April 3, 1780.
- No. 44. Granted for Lodge at Duck Creek Cross Roads, Kent County, June 24, 1785.

Maryland.

- No. 6. Granted for Lodge at Georgetown on the Sassiffrass, Kent County, Eastern Shore, May 23, 1766.
- No. 7. Granted for Lodge at Chestertown, Kent County.
- No. 15. Granted for Lodge at Fell's Point, January 28, 1770.
- No. 16. Granted for Lodge at Baltimore, September 21, 1770.
- No. 17. Granted for Lodge at Chester Mills, Queen Anne County, September 16, 1773.
- No. 29. Granted for Lodge at Cambridge, Dorchester County.
See Lodge No. 29, Military line.
- No. 34. Granted for Lodge at Talbot County, July 12, 1781.
- No. 35. Granted for Lodge at Joppa, Harford County, February 1, 1782.
- No. 37. Granted for Lodge at Princess Anne, Somerset County, September 2, 1782.

New Jersey.

- No. 10. Granted for Lodge at Baskinridge, prior to 1769.
- No. 23. Granted for Lodge at Middletown, Monmouth County, December 29, 1779.
- No. 32. Granted for Lodge at Burlington, March 26, 1781.

South Carolina.

- No. 27. Granted for Lodge at Charleston, opened under warrant granted to Military Lodge in Maryland line.
- No. 38. Granted for Lodge at Charleston, December 23, 1782.
- No. 40. Granted for St. Andrew's Lodge, Charlestown, July 12, 1783.

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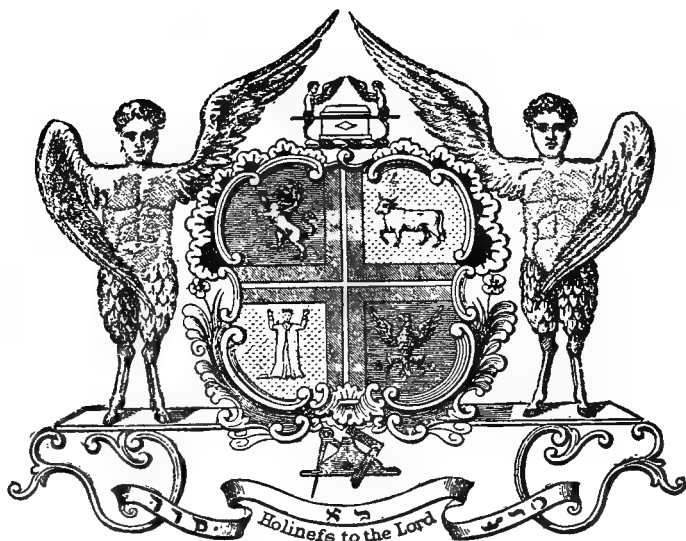
No. 47. Granted for Lodge at Winnsborough, December 27, 1785.

Georgia.

No. 42. Granted for Lodge at Savannah, October 29, 1784.

Hayti.

No. —. Granted for Lodge at Cape Francois, February 3, 1786. Returned.



*The Arms of y^e most Ancient & Honorable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons.*

I do hereby certify that Brother Leison Simmons is a regular
 member of the Grand Lodge of the Province of
 Pennsylvania, and has during his stay amongst them behaved himself as became
 an honest and worthy Brother. Is attested by the Lodge of which he is a member
 my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia the 1st day of November
 In the Year of our Lord 1786 and in the Year of Masonry 5746



John Steele
 Grand Secretary

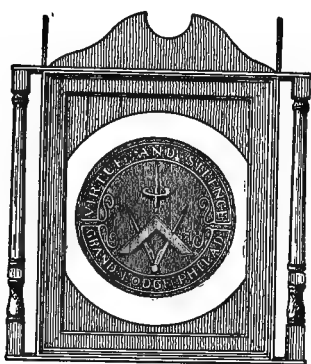
OLDEST KNOWN AMERICAN GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE.

GRANTED TO BRO. LEISON SIMMONS, NOVEMBER 1, 1786.



CHAPTER VIII.

LODGE NO. 4, A. Y. M., HELD AT PHILADELPHIA.



THE first Lodge to surrender its charter, having been warranted by our present Grand Lodge, was known as Lodge No. 4, and held at Philadelphia. The story of the formation of this Lodge, and how the five Brethren, George Williamson, Robert Bunbury, Daniel Topham, William Woodrow and James Glenn, met at the *Sign of the George* (still standing at the southwest corner of Second and Arch Streets, Philadelphia), on Monday, July 2, 1770, and associated themselves with the intention of petitioning for a warrant, is fully told in Chapter VII of our "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," under the title of "The Genesis of a Provincial Lodge"¹ setting forth the struggles and trials of these early Brethren in their efforts to spread Freemasonry in the Western World.

For some reason the Grand Lodge, in the early years of

¹ Cf. "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, pp. 229-246.

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its existence, hesitated about constituting another Lodge in Philadelphia, but at the same time kept the number 4 open, and it was not until September 18, 1771, that a dispensation was received from the Grand Master for these Brethren to open a Lodge and elect officers. The regular warrant, however, was not issued until December 28, 1772. Previous to this date, the Grand Lodge had issued no less than twelve warrants for new Lodges in this and adjoining Provinces.

Fortunately, the Minute Book, Treasurer's Ledger, and a number of papers² of this old Lodge have come down to us, and are in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge, as will be seen by the extracts from the old Minutes and Roster, at once became an active factor in Philadelphia Freemasonry. The existence of the Lodge, however, was a comparatively short one, owing to a difference over an action of the Grand Lodge during the summer of 1786, and it so happened that Lodge No. 4, which held the first warrant regularly granted by the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" for a new Lodge in Philadelphia, was also destined to be the first to vacate their warrant and go out of existence under the present Grand Lodge.³

It will be remembered that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania declared itself independent September 25, 1786, and almost the first business to be acted upon was the surrender of the warrant of Lodge No. 4, by the Secretary, at the desire of the Master.⁴ The reasons for this action will be found at the close of this chapter.

² MSS., Vols. 117, 118, 119, 120. Certificates, Vol. J, paquet 54, pp. 20-26; Vol. K, paquet 55, pp. 13-40. Dispensations, Vol. T, paquet 33. Returns and Petitions, Vol. L, paquet 75, pp. 27-30.

³ The books and property of the Lodge were all turned over to the Grand Lodge. The warrant was never reissued.

⁴ Cf. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 99.

Minutes of Lodge No. 4, A. M. M.

That the Brethren met regularly under the dispensation granted by the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Ball, September 18, 1771, is shown by the old Minutes. At the stated meeting, held at the *Buck Tavern*, November 16, 1772, the R. W. Grand Master being in the chair, the following minute appears:

"Many of our Minutes since the obtaining our Dispensation were read to the G. M. as well as the state of our stock, of which and our proceedings he was pleased to give his approbation."

At the meeting, held at the *Buck*, December 28, 1772, the Minutes state:

"Met about One O'Clock, dined at three, spent the time in Harmony until 5, then adjourned to the Grand Lodge to have our officers install'd, and receive our warrant w'ch was accordingly done, and there we spent the remainder of the evening."

That there was some dissatisfaction with the Grand Lodge about the warrant, is shown by the following entries:

"' *Buck* ' Monday, January 18, 1773—As none of the rest of the members have attended, it is look'd upon by the present members as the highest Indignity and offence offer'd to them as well as to the Authority from whom they have their warrant, they will take it as such & pursue proper steps to exclude such as will not make due submission and satisfaction for the same.

' *Buck* ' Monday, March 29, 1773—As Mr. Jacob Frank, Schoolmaster, the Candidate of last night, lies on the books, and so many Brethren present this night, his character was enquired into, and many Brethren present testified their opinion of his being very worthy of admission.

' *Buck* ' Monday, April 26, 1773—Ordered that Bro. Bunbury furnish this Lodge with one Dozen of Aprons, against next night of meeting.

' *Buck* ' Monday, May 10, 1773—The Brethren of Lodge No. 13, having signified their desire of disposing of their Jewels to this Body

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they were accepted, and order'd to be paid for five pounds, seven shill and six pence."

At the next meeting, *June 21, 1773*, it was moved and unanimously agreed to that the future meetings of the Lodge be held at the "*George*," the House of Benjamin Davids, at the southwest corner of Arch and Second Streets. The stated nights of meeting to be on every second and fourth Tuesday in each month. The "*George*," however, did not prove to be a suitable meeting place for the Lodge, and their stay there was of short duration and unsatisfactory. Nothing was done at the July and August meetings. Under date of September 28, 1773, the Minutes state: "There being company in the next room, we choose not to proceed to business."

"October 12, 1773—As the adjacent Room was occupied we thought proper not to proceed to business.

"October 26, 1773—From having met with repeated inconveniencies by having the Adjacent Room taken up with other Company, it was moved and agreed to when the consent of the rest of the Brethren was had to look for a more suitable place for our future meetings. This resolution was subsequently unanimously agreed to."

It was, however, not until the meeting of January 11, 1774, that the Committee reported in favor of the house of Bro. Fergus Purdon as suitable for future meetings. It was at this house that Lodge No. 3 held their meetings, and concurred with the Brethren of Lodge No. 4.

Under the heading of *Bro. Purdon's, Tuesday, March 8, 1774*, is the following minute:

"Bro. Woodrow requested a minute should be made that he looks upon himself and desires he may be considered as no associate of this Body since the obtaining the dispensation from the G. M. and requires the members of the first assoct'n may reimburse him what is his due."

After the Secretary had entered the above minute, it did not appear to be exactly Bro. Woodrow's intention; he therefore says he will at another time acquaint this Body more fully of his sentiments.

Bro. Woodrow's request was complied with at the meeting held June 14, 1774. It is also noted that the W. M. pd 24 shillings for 12 Aprons for this Lodge & 3/4 for a skin Parchment.

June 24, 1774. "No change being made in our officers, except Bro. Cronin, and he not being in Town, there was no occasion of Installation, we celebrated the day with the rest of our Brethren at Caleb Parry's at Schuylkill."

St. John's Day, December 27, 1774. The Brethren, together with Lodge No. 3, walked in procession to St. Paul's Church and "joined in solemnizing the day."

January 24, 1775. "Ordered that Br. Courtney do furnish this Lodge with two pillars and three candlesticks decorated according to his judgment."

February 14, 1775. A bill was presented for a coffin for Bro. Watts, deceased. After some discussion it was resolved: "That in commiseration for his wife and three children, though he was not entitled by the By-Laws, yet as an act of Charity and Benevolence" it was agreed to settle the matter.

March 28, 1775. The Lodge took into consideration the case of Bro. John McCauley and the W. M. gave Bro. Woodrow (By the Voice of the Body) an order on the Treasurer for three pounds for Bro. McCauley's use.

About this time the political horizon was darkening, which reflected more or less upon the different Lodges in Philadelphia, that being the virtual center of the growing Revolution.

Tuesday, May 9, 1775. "As none but the Worshipful Master attended no business was transacted." So great was

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the political excitement in the City that no Lodge was held by the Brethren of No. 4 between May 23, 1775 and June 22, 1776; two days later, St. John the Baptist's Day was duly celebrated together with the Brethren of Lodge No. 3.

These were stirring times in Philadelphia, and the effect thereof was felt by all of the Lodges in the City; thus on

Tuesday, July 30, 1776. Bros. George McCall, Lieut. and Doct'r. Tilton of the Delaware Battalion, belonging to Lodge No. 18, having been present at the Entering of Br. Lewis Howell in their Lodge, and being order'd to the Camp before they cou'd pass or raise him, and they being well known to us as Worthy Brethren, beg'd for a Lodge of Emergency to pass and raise Br. Howell which we complied with, and accordingly pass'd and Raised him who paid Lodge dues two Pounds to the Worshipful.

How careful the Brethren were to guard their portals, is shown by the following entry, and subsequent action:

September 3, 1776. Mr. William Rowland, being formerly recommended by Br. Bunbury as a Worthy Brother, desired to become a member this Lodge, upon Examination was found to be a Modern and was order'd to withdraw.

September 17, 1776. Br. Robert Bunbury's behaviour in recommending Mr. Rowland as an Ancient Mason to Join this Body is look'd on by all the Brethren as a Crime, order'd that he be Summoned to attend next Lodge night to give his reasons for so doing.

Br. Whitehead and Diegel appointed to see that the Canopy be properly put up before the next Lodge night.

Tuesday, October 15, 1776. We have another emergency case:

"The petitions of Thomas Norwood and George Norham (strongly recommended by Br. Purdon) praying to be Initiated and admitted

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were read. They were Ballotted for, unanimously approved of, and Initiated, as they were going to Sea.

"They paid their Entrance Money, except 7/6 which Br. Purdon is to pay."

Tuesday, November 5, 1776. A motion being made by the Worshipful for the purchasing a Pedestal that was to be sold, it was agreed that Br. Whitehead Diegel & Gough will inquire into the same.

Br. William Woodrow appointed to get a Past Master's Jewel.

The following minute shows an effect of the troublous and unsettled times:

Tuesday, November 19, 1776. The Brethren of this Lodge having complain'd sundry times, the Grand officers have neglected to Call a Grand Lodge for more than two years past, have resolv'd to consult the Breth'rn of No. 2 and 3, and have their advice in regard to the method of applying to the Grand Master for the redress of many Grievances attending the want of a Grand Lodge being call'd for so long a time, and have appointed a Committee to attend the Brethren of said Lodges to have their concurrence on the same, And the Worshipful Master, the Sen'r. and Jun'r. Wardens are appointed for that Purpose.

December 17, 1776. On an Election for Officers for the Ensuing Six Months, it was also agreed to dine in our own Lodge Room on St. John's day next, and that Br. McCauley is to provide us a Dinner.

St. John's Day, December 27, 1776. The Lodge in due form Open'd at Noon Installed our officers, and on a Case of Emergency Rais'd Br. Abraham Miller to the Degree of Master Mason, the Petition of the Brethren concerning paying one Shilling to the fund every Lodge Night was considered and it is resolv'd for the future to meet but once in

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every month and to pay the Shilling monthly to the fund and also that the regular days for meeting shall be on the first Tuesday in Every month.

January 20, 1777. Br. Collin Cocke on this Emergency desired to pass a fellow Craft, and we finding it requisite in his Circumstances he received it. Br. McGannon was order'd to get Candles of Br. Shute.

January 31, 1777. Br. Collin Cocke being under an urgent Necessity of going to Camp was Rais'd to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Even in these stringent times the call for charity was not forgotten:

February 5, 1777. Br. McGannon laid before the Lodge the Case of Br. Topham's family, it was thought proper to take it into consideration, accordingly Brs. Banks and Diegel were appointed to enquire into the same and Report to the Worshipful who will call a Lodge at any time for that purpose.

February 11, 1777. Brs. Banks and Diegel who were appointed to enquire into the State of Br. Topham's family, Report that they are in want of some assistance, it was unanimously agreed that the sum of Three Pounds be given into the hands of the Brs. the Worshipful and Br. Diegel to buy what may be most necessary.

March 4, 1777. Capt. William Croghan from the Williamsburgh Lodge being desirous of becoming a fellow Craft was admitted to the same having paid all dues.

March 13, 1777. A Petition was presented by Capt. William Moore, and Mr. Isaac Connelly desirous to become Masons, were ballotted for, Initiated and paid all their dues.

May 6, 1777. It being reported to our Committee of April 5th, that Br. Melchor Intended a Charity for Br. Topham's Wife, Br. Jones was Desired to wait on him for that purpose,

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and he Generously sent Ten Dollars weh was deliver'd by the Wpfull. Br. Jones paid Br. McCauley three Pounds on acct. of Tyling.

May 12, 1777. Mr. John Baynham at the Request of his and our Brother petitioned to be Initiated as also did Mr. Peter Minor, they were approv'd of, Initiated and paid dues three pounds 15/ each to the Treas'r.

June 24, 1777. Br. Nathaniel Hewsted having been Ballotted for & approv'd of before, but on acct. of Emergencies cou'd not before be Entere'd He was this Morning Initiated into the first Step of Masonry as was also Br. Barth'w. Glen & paid their Lodge dues.

The Body desirous of Celebrating this Festival at their own Lodge Room have resolved to meet at 5 o'Clock in the Evening, and have thought proper to spend the intermediate time by taking a Walk into the Woods and have the Benefit of a Lecture, which was accordingly done.

July 1, 1777. Elijah Dow having been by his Petition a Clandestine Mason and desirous of becoming legally a Member of this Lodge, was ballotted for, approved of, accordingly Initiated and paid his Lodge dues.

The war was now drawing near to Philadelphia. The City was threatened by the British, and the outlying fields and liberties were virtually turned into an armed camp, which gave to all of the Lodges plenty of emergency work:

Aug. 5, 1777. A number of Gentlemen of the Army having by Petition applyed to become Members of our Lodge, it was debated, but on the recommendation of Several worthy Members of our Lodge who were personally acquainted with the said Gentlemen, and considering the present Exigencies of affairs, (particularly with respect to Gentlemen of the Army) it was unanimously agreed that they should be Ballotted for; they were approv'd of and accordingly John Tibbs, John

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Blackwell, Thomas Hungerford, John Hawkins, John Chelton, Appollos Cooper, Valentine Peyton & Francis Dade were Initiated & all p'd their dues. the Petition of Tho's. Drummond, Sam'l. Kinder & Fra's. Clark to Ly on the Books.

September 5, 1777. Capt. Gustavus Brown Wallace, Capt. John Peyton, Lieut. John Townes & Capt. Wm. Lewis being under Marching Orders were so well recommended by Brs. Joseph Baynham & they were Initiated into the first Step & paid their dues.

Lieut. Tarton Payn was ballotted for and approved of was taken Ill and therefore not Initiated.

September 2, 1777. The Wpfull paid Br. Peter Kurtz Master of No. 3 the sum of Eight Pounds being the Quota of this Lodge for the New Plate Cut for Grand Certificates⁵

September 12, 1777. Lieut. William Tissell of the 5th Virginia Regiment having Petition'd to become a Member of our Lodge was Ballotted for, approved of, and Initiated into the first Step of Masonry and paid his Lodge dues.

On the 11th of September, the Battle of Brandywine was fought and lost, and thus, for a time, sealed the fate of the City wherein the Colonies had declared themselves free and independent. The Union Jack once again floated in place of the Starry Flag. On the 27th of September, General Howe occupied Philadelphia. One of the first things the British did was to loot the rooms where Lodge No. 2 met, stealing the Jewels, breaking the furniture and scattering the other effects, as this Lodge (No. 2) was composed of many patriot officers.⁶ Lodges Nos. 3 and 4 were protected by the British, and worked during the whole of the occupation. During the next eight months the City was under military government.

⁵ A number of these Certificates are in the collection of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

⁶ Cf. "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. xiii.

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September 19, 1777. "Br. Bunbury on application to Borrow fifteen Pounds it was agreed he shou'd have it; for which he has Deposited his watch as a Security for the Return of the money." (This Brother was one of the Charter Members of the Lodge and at the time of his application was seriously ill.)

October 7, 1777. It was moved & resolved that it is the sense of this Body that our Standing Committee in Conjunction with Br. Dement (who on the occasion has generously offered his assistance) shou's apply to Lodge No. 3, and such worthy members of No. 2, as may contribute to the obtaining the Jewells of No. 2, of which they have been Lately Robb'd and to Consult means for Re-establishing said Lodge.⁷

November 4, 1777. A charge being laid against Br. Cronin for Breach of two Particular points in his obligation by Br. Banks when the sense of the Lodge was that Br. Cronin appears Guilty of said Charge in consequ'ue of which, and by the Good Laws of Masonry the Sd. Br. Cronin is hereby excluded from the Benefits of Masonry for ever unless restored by any future Grand Lodge.

December 27, 1777 (St. John's Day). At 11 o'Clock proceeded to Install our officers when the Master & Senior Warden were Install'd the Jun'r. Elect not being present his Installation was deferr'd to another opportunity.

January 6, 1778 (Stated Night). Br. Jones, our Treasurer having been waited upon to know his Reasons why he did not attend in his office, Informed the Committee he had particular Reasons which detained him, and that he would not act in any office more.

Br. Banks, Whitehead & Page are appointed a Committee to demand of him the money & other Property of this Lodge.

⁷ Cf. *Ibid.*, Vol. I, Chapter IX, p. 290 *et seq.*

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February 3, 1778 (Stated Night). Capt. John Morris was ballotted for and approved of, Capt. Jeremiah Pecker⁸ also on the strength of his good recommendation & Emergency they were both Initiated and paid their full dues.

A complaint being Lodg'd by Br. Zane against Br. Dement, a Committee was order'd to Inspect the matter. The Worshipfull p'd. Br. Fagan £3 for a Stove.

February 19, 1778 (Emergency). Mr. David Duncan⁹ having petitioned for admittance being well recommended, and his stay in the City uncertain he was ballotted for, unanimously approved of, Initiated, and paid his full dues.

April 1, 1778 (Stated Night). The Worshipfull paid Br. Boyle Three pounds Eight Shillings and nine pence for the Expence at Brother Bunbury's Funeral, it was also order'd his Widow should be deliver'd his Watch.

May 6, 1778 (Stated Night). Mr. John Hill and Mr. John Church¹⁰ petitioned to become Masons and being uncertain of their Stay the Body thought proper to Ballot for them, they were unanimously approved of, Initiated, and paid their dues £3 15/ Each into the hands of the Master, who then paid Br. Boyle £2-1-3 the am't of his Acct. for mending the Pedestal &c.

May 14, 1778 (Emergency). Br. John Hill¹¹ not knowing his Stay in the City call'd this Emergency, on finding him worthy was pass'd a fellow Craft.

May 17, 1778 (Emergency). On account of the Expected Speedy departure of Br. John Hill, he called this Emergency and finding him worthy he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

June 5, 1778 (Emergency). This Emergency being call'd

⁸ Officers in the British army of occupation. *Vide* Chapter XV, *infra*.

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*

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by Br. Trotter, on finding him Worthy he was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

The Worshipfull with Brs. Whitehead, Boyle, Jones and McGannon are appointed a Committee to Settle with Mr. Gillingham for Br. Bunbury's Coffin, to meet to-morrow Evening at 7 o'clock.

June 6, 1778. The Committee met according to appointment. Mr. Gillingham allowed one pound out of his Bill & the Worshipfull paid him three pounds more for the Coffin.

June 19, 1778. By this time the evacuation of the City by the British was complete. The Stars and Stripes again floated over the Statehouse, the Battle of Monmouth was fought and won, and the patriots were now about to assert themselves, and many who were known as prominent Tories, were forced to flee from the City; in fact, the whole community had to readjust itself. This was equally true with the two Masonic Lodges, which had remained active during the occupation.

St. John's Day June 24, 1778. Proceeded to Install our officers when Br. Diegel was Install's Master, Br. Boyle Sen'r. Warden, Jun'r Warden Elect not being present his Installation is deferr'd.

October 7, 1778 (Stated Night). The Committee appointed last Stated Night to consider the Case of Brother McCauley Report that they are of opinion (with the consent of the Lodge) he shall have Ten Pounds per year, but in case of alteration in the money the Lodge shall alter his Sallary at their discretion. He was paid by Br. Boyle Six months Sallary commencing March 4th, 1778.

The Lodge having taken into consideration the Article of Initiation Money do find it necessary to raise it to Twenty Dollars, the Tyler & Secretary Ten D's. Each.

November 4, 1778 (Stated Night). It is also agreed that

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when any person is proposed to this Lodge, there shall be appointed a Committee of Two at least, to inspect his character, and make report thereof on the Night he should be ballotted for.

December 16, 1778 (Emergency). Agreed to have a Secretary's Jewell made by Br. Church, gave him a Hard Dollar & Silver Chain of our Treasurer's Jewell to make it.

January 6, 1779 (Stated Night). The Worshipfull Mas'r. of No. 2 Requested the favor of the Mas'r & Brethren of this Lodge to raise Col. George Noarth a Fellow Craft of No. 2 on account of his being speedily call'd away.

February 24, 1779 (Stated Night). Mess'rs. Agnew and Lee were also Ballotted for when the former was rejected by 8 Balls, and the Latter for being Concerned in making Clandestine Masons.

March 24, 1779 (Adjournment). As some of our Brethren are absent on account of particular Business, we only order'd the Tyler to be paid.

April 15, 1779 (Emergency). At the Request of Br. Jacob Ashmeade, whose stay in the City is uncertain he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

May 4, 1779 (Emergency). As the Stay of Br. John Hacket and Samuel Story in the City is uncertain 'twas thought proper to pass them to the Second Step w'ch was accordingly done.

May 25, 1779 (Stated Night). The matter of Elijah Dow was taken into Consideration. Patrick Agnew deliv'd a Remonstrance wherein he did acknowledge to be at the making of Elijah Dow, a clandestine Mason, the Lodge Censures Dow for not acquainting them therewith when Agnew Petition'd to become a member.

Two propositions were made, viz. Whether Elijah Dow shou'd be Totally excluded this Lodge, or for three months only, the Lodge determin's on the Latter.

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May 26, 1779 (Adjourn'd Lodge). Taking into Consideration the Depreciation of the present money it is Unanimously agreed that the Initiation of every Brother from this date shall be Sixty Doll's. two Dollars to the Secretary & two to the Tyler.

July 27, 1779 (Stated Night). A Petition from Mr. Augustine Power, setting forth his being made a Mason in a Clandestine manner, and requesting to be legally initiated was read and order'd to Lye on the Books.

Mess'rs. Jacob Markley and John Rynear Petition'd to become Members of this Lodge, but as Several Brethren present did not Speak favorably in their behalf, it was agreed they shou'd not be put on the Books and also that the other Lodges in the City be acquainted therewith.

September 28, 1779 (Stated Night). Taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee respecting Br. Cous-tenay's Room it was carried that it be fitted up and Repair'd by Subscription.

December 15, 1779 (Emergency). This Lodge was call'd to settle the Lodge dues w'ch was done, see Settlem't on Lodge Books, as also to Instruct our officers at the Grand Lodge to Vote for Wm. Ball, Esq'r. to be Re-elected Grand Master.

December 27, 1779 (St. John's Day). A motion was made and unanimously agreed to, that the Thanks of this Lodge be given to our late Worthy Master Br. Alexander Boyle, for his activity, steady attention, good and just government of this Lodge, as well as for the good of Masonry in general, during the time of his presiding over this Lodge, which Compliment he obligingly and Complaisantly return'd.

December 28, 1779 (Stated Night). The Lodge has agreed that the Initiation Money in future shall be two Hundred Dollars, Eight to the Tyler and Eight to the Secretary.

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February 22, 1780 (Stated Night). It was moved and debated to raise the sallary of Br. John McCauley our Tyler. It was carried by a Great Majority that his Sallary as Tyler to this Lodge shall be One Hundred Doll's. per Quarter to commence from the fourth day of March next and it is the Intention of this Lodge that the said Sallary shall be in proportion to the appreciation or depreciation of the present Currency.

March 8, 1780 (Emergency). Br. Ambrose Croker our present Sen'r Warden, having occasion to leave this State for some time, call'd this Lodge to acquaint them therewith, the Lodge return'd him their thanks for his assiduity and dilligence as a Mason in every respect, which he politely return'd and also presented a Bill for Scantling used in our New Lodge Room amounting to £97-10 of which he has made a present to this Lodge.

March 28, 1780 (Stated Night). Rec'd a Letter from the Rt. Wpfull Grand Lodge dated March 15th Inst. on the subject of Masonry; and which we conceive to be a Copy of Circular Letters to other Lodges, agreed that the Standing Committee of our Lodge do meet on Tuesday Next to take into consideration the merits of the same, and report accordingly.

Messrs. Davis Bevan (a Modern Mason) James Reade and James Robinson (Clandestine Masons) Petitioned to become members of this Lodge.

June 19, 1780 (Emergency). Called at the Request of Several Brethren with Intent of acquainting this Lodge that they Request a Recommendation to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant to Constitute another Lodge as it is alleged that this Lodge is at present too numerous.

June 24, 1780 (St. John's Day). Our Brethren's Petition of June 18th Inst. was taken into Consideration, when it

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was unanimously agreed to give them a Recommendation to the Rt. Worshipfull Grand Lodge for a Warrant to constitute a New Lodge, viz.:

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE,

“We the Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 4 Do Recommend our Trusty faithfull and well beloved Brethren—whose names are here underwritten, for your sanction to form a New Lodge to be held within the City of Philadelphia and we believe them able to Rule and Govern a Lodge agreeable to the Rules and Constitutions of the Ancient Craft.

“June 27th, 1780

David Copeland, Mr.

Joseph Page S. W.

Ambrose Croker J. W.

Mathew Whitehead

Jacob Diegele

James Thompson

John Service

Jacob Frank

“JOHN HENDERSON, Mr. No. 4

JOHN HALL S. W.

JAMES PICKERING J. W.”

which was approved, agreeable to the petitioners, who asked that the new warrant be number 9. The warrant of that number was originally granted for the Borough of Lancaster, July, 1766, but was surrendered and vacated, December 18, 1779.¹² The prayer was granted and the new warrant was issued August 3, 1780, and the Lodge is up to the present day one of the most active Lodges in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

The following Petition was presented to the Grand Lodge, July 27, 1780:

(Beginning of Petition missing)

“finding that Lodge becoming too numerous Hath Petitioned them to form ourselves into a new Lodge which was Unanimously Granted & with their consent & approbation to Recommend us to the Right Worshipfull the Grand Lodge for their Warrant

¹²“Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727–1907,” Vol. I, p. 127. Also *infra* Chapter XIII.

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"Now

"We your Petitioners having the good of the Craft at Heart Hopes they will not be refused Being so Personally known by you to whom we must appeal as our greatest and best Judges in such matters, which if granted we bind ourselves to the greatest strictness and punctuality as Masons & your Petitioners will as in duty bound ever pray—

"DAVID COPELAND

for Master

JOSEPH PAGE

for Warden

AMBROSE CROKER

JACOB DIEGEL

JAS. THOMPSON

JACOB FRANK

JOHN SERVICE

MATTH. WHITEHEAD."

July 20, 1780 (Emergency). Br. Worrell on acct. of his speedily going to sea was rais'd to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

August 22, 1780 (Stated Night). As Brs. Ogburn and Huston are at Camp, Brs. Rutter and Morgatroyd are appointed in their place to Inspect the Character of Messrs. Hodgkinson and Peters who lye on our Books.

September 26, 1780 (Stated Night). Moved and agreed to that every Member Recommending a Gentleman to become a Member of this Lodge shall deposite one Dollar Specie which shall be accounted for in his dues (if approved) if not it shall be return'd.

October 25, 1780 (Emergency). Br. Johnson paid his dues to the Worshipfull 375 Dollars, half Price, he having been a Clandestine Mason.

November 28, 1780 (Stated Night). A Petition from sundry Brethren of this Lodge who live at a distance from this City, by which they complain of many Inconveniences, and

Recommendation for a New Lodge

praying for a Recommendation to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant to Constitute a New Lodge was presented and sign'd by Brs. John Church, Jacob Auld, Robert Curry, John Wentz, Michael Simson, Alexander Moore, and Arthur Johnston, being taken into Consideration, it was agreed to grant them the said Recommendation for that purpose.

This Petition, now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge, reads as follows:

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL GRAND MASTER & BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

"The Petition of sundry Brethren Members of Lodge No. 4 whose names are hereunto annexed

"SHEWETH

"That your petitioners resides in the Country upwards of Twenty Miles from the Lodge to which they belong, and their attendance on the body being necessary at times, it is attended with great expense to them—

"Your Petitioners therefore humbly Requests this Right Worshipfull Lodge to Grant them a Warrant for the purpose of making Masons in the part of the Country they reside in, which if granted to them will ever be gratefully acknowledged by
Philada. Dec. 16, 1780.

"JOHN CHURCH Mr.
JACOB AULD Sr. W.
JOHN WENTZ Jr. W.
ROBT. CURRY
MICHL. SIMPSON
EDWD. MCGINN
ALEXR. MOORE
ARTR. JOHNSON

"We the Master, Senior & Junior Wardens of Lodge No. 4 by approbation of the Body Do Recommend the above mention'd Brethren to the Rt. Worshipfull Grand Lodge as Worthy Good Brethren, and fitt to be entrusted with a Warrant.

"J. W. HENDERSON

Master

JOHN HALL S. W.
JAMES PICKERING J. W."

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"The Brethren appointed to enquire into the Petition of some members of No. 4, report as follows:¹³

"PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10, 1781.

"In conformity with a Delegation to us, made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, to enquire into the necessity and propriety of granting a new Warrant in this County in the Vicinity of No. 8, after having made the strictest enquiry in the presence, as well of the applicants as of the Master of No. 8, and being informed on the one hand that the Institution of a new Lodge would be extremely beneficial to Masonry, and, on the other hand, that it would by no means be detrimental to Lodge No. 8, or interfere with the Duties and Business thereof, are clearly of Opinion a new Warrant ought to be granted to the applicants, and we beg leave to make our report accordingly, under the consideration and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

"Given under our hands the day and year above written.

"ALEXR. RUTHERFORD, D. G. M.

JACOB BANKSON S. G. W.

MATTHEW WHITEHEAD J. G. W.

ALEXR. BOYLE

ISAAC HUGHES

"The Grand Lodge, taking the above report into Consideration Order'd a Warrant, to be numbered 31, to be made out, which was done accordingly, when John Church was install'd Master; Ja. Auld and John Wentz, Wardens of the said Lodge. The sum of nine pounds ten shillings State Money was paid as the fees on the said Warrant."¹⁴

December 26, 1780 (Stated Night). Col'l. Archibald McElroy, who lay on our Books was Ballotted for and unanimously approved of.

January 18, 1781 (Emergency). A Letter from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 3 was presented by their Secretary Br. Peter R. Chevalier setting forth that Doctor Marcus Gibbons, came to visit Lodge No. 3, and refus'd to be properly

¹³ *Vide* Chapter XII, *infra*.

¹⁴ *Vide* Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 39.



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PLACE OF MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
VIDELL'S (LODGE) ALLEY, 1769-1790,
SECOND STREET, BELOW CHESTNUT, WEST SIDE,
PHILADELPHIA

An Emergency Lodge

Qualified; and therefore ought not to be admitted into any Lodge untill he gives proper satisfaction.

February 27, 1781 (Stated Night). Order'd that the Secretary do acquaint the other Lodges with the names of those persons whom we have rejected.

August 28, 1781 (Stated). Mr. Joseph Shober was Ballotted for a first, second and third time when tho very strongly recommended by Br. Courtney and Peters, a black Ball still appear'd against him, the Br. who put it in is Requested to give the Wpfull his Reasons against next Stated Night.

A Petition from John Chevalier was Read on which such a Character was given of him by several worthy Brethren present as was thought sufficient to render him totally incapable of being admitted and also that every Lodge in the Vicinity be advised thereof.

August 29, 1781. Adjourned Lodge from last night. Mr. Joseph Shober was ballotted for, and approved of, the Br. who objected to him last night having withdrawn his objection.

September 29, 1781 (Emergency). The Wpfull Mas'r. acquainted the Body that his duty to his Country required his presence in the Camp and that he wou'd be glad the Lodge wou'd pitch upon Br. William Shute to act as Master in his absence, it was agreed that Br. Macklin and the Wpfull do wait on Br. Shute tomorrow to Request he will be kind enough to accept of that Charge to oblige the Craft.

December 25, 1781 (Stated Night). The Lodge unanimously Return'd thanks to the Wpfull, for his particular care and attention as well as good Government of No. 4.

January 22, 1782 (Stated Night). Brs. Adams and Ord, a Committee from No. 3 waited on this Body informing us that they had considered the Fees of Initiation was not adequate

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considering the depreciation of the Money, therefore order'd their Committee to wait on the different Lodges in this City informing them of the same: Resolved that Brs. Henderson and Way be appointed a Committee from this Lodge to wait on the other Bodies and inform them of our desire of having the Fees of Initiation rais'd, and when a Committee from the other Lodges are appointed to form a General Committee, and agree upon what sum will be thought sufficient for Initiation and Report accordingly.

Br. Gislin our Tyler considering his necessities, ordered that what State Money is in the hands of the late Treas'r. be sold and appropriated to relieve Br. Gislin's necessities.

Resolv'd that Br. Plumsted our late Treasurer be Impower'd and requested as soon as convenient to sell what State Money belonging to this Lodge as is now in his hands to the best advantage in his Power.

February 26, 1782 (Stated Night). The Report of a Committee appointed by the different Lodges being read was agreed to Viz: That the Initiation Fees be rais'd to two half Joes¹⁵ and that as long as Br. Gislin is capable of attending the different Lodges of this City he is to have two Dollars per night one of which is to be kept in the hands of the Treasurer to be laid out by direction of the respective Lodges.

July 23, 1782 (Stated Night). Brother Young a member of Lodge No. 212 in New York returned the Thanks of the said Body to this Lodge for the care taken of their warrant which fell into our hands thro' the fate of war.¹⁶

December 9, 1782 (Lodge of Emergency). The Worship-

¹⁵ A Portuguese gold coin; a "Johannes" was worth about \$9.00: half Joes, about \$4.50 each.

¹⁶ Documents relating to this episode in Archives of Grand Lodge, MSS., Vol. C, pp. 9-19, 20-21.

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ful Master called this Lodge to take their sense with regard to the choice of a Right Worshipful Grand Master & Grand Wardens, when it appeared that Br. Adcock was approved of as Grand Master, Brother Proctor as Senior Gd. Warden & Brother Boyle as Junior Gd. Warden.

December 24, 1782 (St. John's Day). Br. Matthew Hand presented a Bill against this Lodge for sundries furnished it in the year 1779 & received an Order on the Treasurer for the Sum of one Pound, Seventeen Shillings & Sevenpence half penny.

January 16, 1783 (Extra Lodge). The Committee appointed to procure a Room for this Lodge to meet in & they having applied to the Worshipfull Master & Brethren of Lodge No. 2 for the use of their room & they very generously agreed to our sitting in their Room upon such nights as does not interfere with their and No. 3 Stated Lodge Nights, Brothers Boyle, Shober & Bowers were appointed a Committee to meet on Monday next between the Hours of 10 & 11 o'Clock A. M. to wait on the proprietors of the Lodge House in Lodge Alley & know whether this Lodge will be allowed the same privilege of Lodge No. 3 and 13 & report the same accordingly on our next stated meeting.

January 23, 1783 (Extra Lodge). Agreed that this Lodge meet hereafter on the fourth Monday in every month in the Rooms now in possession of Lodges No. 2 & 13 & that Broth's. Way, Patterson, Jones, Mailin & Boyd be appointed a Committee to remove everything belonging to this Lodge to their intended place of Meeting.

February 24, 1783 (Stated Lodge Night). A Representation from the several Lodges of Ancient Masons in the City of Philadelphia, appointed to consider and point out proper means to relieve the Indigent and distressed Masons was read

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and agreed to.¹⁷ Following two receipts appear in the Minutes.

"Received Philada. Jan'y 24, 1783, of Lodge No. 4 One Table, Two Forms & one Stool which I promise to said Lodge in good order.

"JOHN MACKLIN"

"Received Philada. Jan'y 24, 1783, of Lodge No. 4 One Franklin Stove which I promise to return in as good Order as when I received it.

"JOHN BOYD."

May 26, 1783 (Stated Night). As the Character of Mr. Alexander is somewhat in obscurity they think necessary that he continue another month on the Books, to give a further opportunity of investigation.

August 4, 1783 (Extra Lodge). Brother Myers who was Entered in St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, and has been duly elected a Member of this body was pass'd to the Second degree of Masonry.

December 25, 1783 (Adjourned Lodge). Doctor Otto's Petition was Returned by desire.¹⁸ Mr. Bowles was ballotted for, upon examining there appeared eleven black balls.

February 6, 1784 (Extra Lodge). Dispensation was Read from the Grand Master authorizing our Body to proceed to the Electing of Br. John Lawson (a member of Lodge No. 2 St. Croix).

April 26, 1784 (Stated Lodge). By a motion from the Chair Informing us the Grand Lodge had Proposed to purchase a Lott for a building for the Reception & use of a

¹⁷For full account of this, the first organized effort for the relief of indigent Freemasons in Pennsylvania, *vide* "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. II., p. 38 *et seq.*

¹⁸This was evidently Bodo Otto, a prominent physician and patriot, who, during the Revolutionary War, together with his father, had charge of the hospital of the Continental army at Valley Forge.

End of the Minutes

Lodge for Antient York Masons No. 4 Immediately agreed that as soon as a Subscription was sett on foot they would Do Everything In their power to Carry on the Institution.

April 27, 1784 (Adjourned Lodge). It is the opinion of this Lodge that our Brother Henderson has it in his power to withdraw himself from this Lodge Brs. Boyle, B. Darragh & Br. Secr'ty is to wait of him and Inform him of the above Resolution of the Lodge & acquaint him of their Sentiments.

August 23, 1784 (Stated Night). A present of a book of Constitutions abridged by Br. Wm. Smith D.D.¹⁹ elegantly bound was given to this Lodge by our late Master H. D. Purcell for which the thanks of the Lodge was unanimously given him for his kind present.

January 24, 1785 (Stated Night). A Glaziers Bill being furnished by our Brethren of Lodge No. 2 for repairing the Windows of this Lodge Room it appeared that our part of the charges for said repairs was 11/5 which was ordered to be paid.

On account of Br. Wm. Copeland's misconduct in serving as Tyler to this Lodge it was unanimously agreed that he should be immediately dismissed from the office of Tyler for the future which was accordingly put in execution.

April 1, 1785 (Adjourned Stated Night). Received a Petition from Br. De la Marquien for Relief in distress ordered our Tre'r. to give him 10 Dollars.

Here the regular minutes end, the leaves being cut out. From fragments of rough minutes lately found, we have an account of the beginning of the unfortunate differences which led to the surrender of the warrant.

April 24, 1786 (Stated Night). A Complaint being Lodged

¹⁹ "The Abridgement of the Book of Constitutions," which was approved by the Grand Lodge, November 22, 1781, was printed in 1783, and had the following title page.

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AHIMAN REZON

• ABRIDGED AND DIGESTED :

A S A

Help to all that are, or would be
Free and Accepted MASONS.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

A S E R M O N,

PREACHED IN CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

AT A GENERAL COMMUNICATION,

CELEBRATED, AGREEABLE TO THE CONSTITUTIONS, ON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1778, AS THE ANNIVER-

SARY OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF

The GRAND LODGE of PENNSYLVANIA,

By WILLIAM SMITH, D. D.

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PRINTED BY HALL AND SELLERS,

M,DCCLXXXIII.

FAC-SIMILE OF TITLE PAGE OF THE AHIMAN REZON.

Grand Lodge of *Pennsylvania*.

November 22, 1781.

THE ABRIDGEMENT of the Book of
CONSTITUTIONS being read, the
same was unanimously approved of, and ordered
to be printed; and also, that the Thanks of
this GRAND LODGE be given to our beloved
Brother, the Reverend WILLIAM SMITH,
D. D. Grand Secretary, for the great Care
and Attention he has bestowed in revising and
abridging the said Book of CONSTITUTIONS.

Extract from the Minutes,

JOSEPH HOWELL, jun. D. G. Secr'y.

APPROVAL OF THE GRAND LODGE ON REVERSE OF TITLE PAGE.

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against Brs. M. Graham & Fitzgerald Order'd that the Se'y. Summon them the next night to attend to answer the same.

May 22, 1786 (Stated Night). Brs. Graham & Fitzgerald attended according to Notification to answer the Allegations brought against them it was Agreed that Br. Graham be suspended for six Months from this Lodge. Br. Fitzgerald Publickly Acknowledged his faults & Beg'd the Lodge's Pardon which was Satisfactory to the Lodge.

An appeal from this action was made to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, June 12, 1786, by Bro. Graham, who, having conceived himself greatly injured by a Sentence passed on him by said Lodge without foundation, applied to this Grand Lodge for redress. The Grand Lodge ever willing to see and have justice done to any brother who conceives himself injured, do hereby order the Sec'y. to summons Lodge No. 4 to appear before them with their Bye-Laws and Minute Book on Monday evening next at 1/2 past 7 o'clock, when the Grand Lodge are to proceed on the business.

June 19, 1786. Grand Lodge, by Adjournment. Grand Lodge opened in due form. The Minutes of the last meeting being read and it appearing that the Business of this meeting was to determine upon the Complaint of Brother Grayham exhibited at the last meeting and the Master and Members of No. 4 being notified to attend and several of them attending, It was moved that Brother Grayham might relate the nature of his complaint, when Brother Grayham informed the Lodge that he had been suspended by Lodge No. 4 for six Months without a hearing. Whereupon it was ordered that the minutes of Lodge No. 4, which were brought by the W. Master, agreeable to notice given him for that purpose, which being read and the matter fully heard from the W. Master of No. 4 and other Members who attended Witnesses upon the occasion, the following Question was put: Were the proceedings

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of Lodge No. 4 in suspending Brother Grayham regular or not? And the Votes being taken it was carried in the negative.

This action not being satisfactory to the Brethren of No. 4, the following letter was sent to the Grand Lodge:

“ TO THE R. W. G. MASTER, &C.

“ We the Officers, Past Masters, and Brethren of Lodge No. 4 find it necessary to Remonstrate against the proceedings on the Evening of the 19th inst. June 5786 respecting certain charges against our Body by Br. Matthew Graham.

“ BECAUSE

“ By the Constitution of ancient Masonry not less than Five regular Lodges convened, form a Grand Lodge, there being but four represented, No. 4 excepted, (they being defendants in the Case, and of consequence not entitled to a vote), We therefore conceive the Meeting on the Evening above-mentioned not to be Constitutionally a Grand Lodge.

“ BECAUSE

“ Our By-Laws give us a discretionary power to Reprove, Reprimand, Suspend, or Expell any Member of our Body behaving derogatory to the Character of a Mason out of the Lodge, as well as in the Body when Convened. Which has been fully proved against Br. Matthew Graham even by his own Confession, both in our Body and on the Evening before mentioned.

“ BECAUSE

“ Objections having been made against our Minutes being entered inexplicitly, which we conceive should not (allways) be the Case, lest by accident they should become intelligible to the World. A recent Instance of which is well known to the G. Lodge during the Late War.

“ Therefore, St. John's day being so near, and Br. Graham being Constitutionally suspended by our Lodge, and cannot be (of course) admitted in our Body.

“ We Request the R. W. G. Master, that we may have a constitutional determination on this disagreeable affair before that day, so, to enable Us to proceed in the Grand Work without Let or hindrance.

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"We humbly submit the above to the Constitutional Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and remain your

"Brethren

"Phila. 21st June 1786

"George Way, P. M.
Thos. Carrell
Wm. Poultney
Danl. Carroll
Peter Wiltberger
George Rutter"

"Henry D. Pursell M. Richard Hunt S. W. George Goddard J. W. Fredk. Heinberger P. M. Robt. Jones P. M. and Treas. Jos. Shober P. M. James Pickering P. M. S. Pancoast Sec'y. Jacob Carver S. D."	} Officers Elect.
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After the above letter was read before the Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, June 24, 1786, following action was taken:

"Read a Letter from the Master and a number of Brethren of Lodge No. 4 remonstrating against the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their last meeting respecting Brother Grayham, Ordered, that the Lodge take up this business at their next quarterly communication and in the mean time, Brothers Few, Wadman, Hamilton, Will and Dean be a Committee to enquire and obtain as much information on the Subject as possible, taking such means as will best obtain it, and the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge."

A different scene was enacted at the meeting of the Lodge on the night of the same day, as appears from the following minute:

June 24, 1786 (St. John's Night). This being St. John's Night, the Lodge proceeded to the Installation of the different Officers, but the Appearance of Br. Graham interrupted the good harmony thereof, by behaving in a refractory manner, which obliged the Worshipful Master to order the Deacons to conduct him out of the Lodge, and then went to work.

As there seemed no way to heal the differences which had arisen between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodge, the latter concluded to surrender their warrant.

Differences with the Grand Lodge

August 27, 1786 (Stated Night). Lodge open'd in due form at Mr. Gartlett's School Room. A motion being made from the Senior Warden on giving up the Warrant of this Lodge, which being seconded & the Balloting Box went round three times when there appeared a Majority each time in favor of the Junior [sic] Warden's motion. The Lodge therefore do agree in delivering up the Warrant in form to the Grand Lodge at their next Quarterly Communication.

A letter was written setting forth the facts, and presented to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication September 28, 1786, immediately after the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had declared its independence. A fragment only of a rough draft of this letter has come down to us. It is as follows, moderate and loyal in its temper :

" August 28th.

" TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, WARDENS, &C. &C. &C.,
OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :

" We the officers past masters and other Brethren of Lodge No. 4 assembled in due form adorned with all our honors on our stated August 28th. Finding it impossible to work under our present Warrant as Lodge No. 4 do hereby resign with a due consent the aforesaid Warrant, to your Right W. G. L. of Pennsylvania. BECAUSE We conceive ourselves injured by a number of refractory members who do not adhere strictly to the Letter or tenor of Masonry, and therefore bring a disgrace on this body to the shame and scandal of Masonry in general and Because we have made frequent application "

Here the draft ends abruptly.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held

September 25, 1786. The Committee appointed to obtain Information respecting the dispute subsisting between No. 4 and Brother Grayham, a Member of that Lodge, severally Reported that they had endeavored to inform themselves,

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but could get no information. The Secretary then, by desire of the Master of No. 4, and in his name, made a tender of their warrant to the Grand Master, and it was received.

The warrant was surrendered and the books, papers and property turned over to the Grand Lodge, their receipt taken therefor, and Lodge No. 4 passed into history.

RETURN OF THE MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 4 FROM THE 28th OF DECEMBER A. M. 5772 TO JULY 24 A. M. 5786.

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Daniel Topham, D.	}
Michael McGannon, x	
Stephen Cronin, Neshammany.	
Robert Bunbury, (see minute April 1, 1778)	
D.	
John McCauley, D.	
Samuel Watts, D.	
William Doherty.	

Charter Members.

1772.

Mar. 10 Hercules Courtenay, D.
 Mar. 25 Thomas Banks, Gone to England.
 June 22 James Gillingham, D.

1773.

Apr. 12 Jacob Frank, Gone to No. 9.

1776.

Aug. 20 William Goff, D.
 Oct. 25 Thomas Norwood, x
 Not known.
 Oct. 25 George Norham, x.
 Dec. 5 Abraham Miller, x.
 Dec. 9 Bowden Hammond, x.
 Dec. 9 Ezekiel Hand, x.

1777.

1775.

Jan. 2 Jacob Diegel, Gone to No. 9.
 Jan. 24 Matthew Whitehead, Gone to No. 9.
 June 22 William Woodrow, D.
 July 2 Henry Jones, Not known.

Jan. 20 Charles Pelham, x.
 Jan. 20 Collin Coek, x.
 Feb. 20 Edward Moody, 8th Virginia Regt. x.
 Feb. 20 Joseph Baynham, 3d Virginia Regt. x.
 Feb. 20 Alexander Boyle, Does not attend.

Roster of Lodge No. 4, A. F. M.

Feb. 20 James Berwick, x.	"Emergency Lodge."
Feb. 22 John Marshall, x.	Sep. 5 John Townes, Capt.
Feb. 22 William White, x.	American Army.
Mar. 4 Thomas McCarthy, 1st	"Emergency Lodge."
Virginia Regt. x.	Sep. 5 William Lewis, Capt.
Mar. 5 William Croghan, x.	American Army.
Mar. 13 William Moore, x.	"Emergency Lodge."
Mar. 13 Isaac Connelly, x.	Sep. 12 William Tirrell, Lieut.
May 12 John Baynham, D.	5th Virginia Regt.
May 6 Joseph Page, Gone to	Oct. 7 Adam Casey, Does at-
No. 9.	tend.
May 12 Peter Minor, Not known	1778.
except 5th Virginia.	Feb. 3 Jeremiah Pecker, x
June 24 Nathaniel Husted, x.	[captain in the Brit-
June 24 Bartholomew Glenn, D.	ish Army].
July 1 Elijah Dow, x.	Feb. 3 John Morris, x [cap-
Aug. 5 John Tibbs, Lt. 3d Vir-	tain in the British
ginia Regt.	Army].
Aug. 5 John Blackwell, Lt. 3d	Feb. 19 David Duncan, x [offi-
Virginia Regt.	cer in the British
Aug. 5 Thomas Hungerford,	Army].
Ensign 3d Virginia	Mar. 4 William Armstrong, x.
Regt.	April 1 Benjamin Trotter
Aug. 5 John Hawkins, Adju-	[British officer]. D.
tant 3d Virginia Regt.	May 6 John Hill, x British
Aug. 5 John Chilton, Capt. 3d	officer.
Virginia Regt.	May 6 John Church, x British
Aug. 5 Appollos Cooper, Lt.	officer.
3d Virginia Regt.	Aug. 5 Jacob Auld, x.
Aug. 5 Valentine Peyton, Lt.	Dec. 2 Robert Currey, x.
3d Virginia Regt.	Dec. 16 John McGee, D.
Aug. 5 Francis Dade, Volun-	Dec. 23 George Rutter, x.
teer 3d Virginia Regt.	Dec. 25 John Henderson, With-
Sep. 2 Samuel Kinder, D.	drawn May 24, 1784.
Sep. 2 Francis Clark, x.	
Sep. 5 Gustavus B. Wallace,	1779.
Capt. American	Jan. 6 William Plumsted, Does
Army. "Emergency	attend.
Lodge."	Jan. 6 James McRea, x.
Sep. 5 John Peyton, Capt.	Jan. 6 Thomas Hughes, x Not
American Army.	known.

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Jan. 18 David Copeland, Gone to No. 9.	July 28 Edward McGinn, New York.
Feb. 4 Jacob Laughlin, Not known.	July 28 James Pickering, Does attend.
Feb. 24 James Kinkead, In Lancaster Co.	July 28 William Tricket, D.
Feb. 24 John Hall, In New York.	Aug. 24 Augustine Power, Died April 23, 1782. Masr.
Mar. 8 George Jenkins, D.	Aug. 24 Alexander Dow, Does attend.
Mar. 8 Jacob Ashmead, x Near the Rising Sun.	Aug. 24 Hugh Bay, D.
Mar. 23 William Allison, Does not attend.	Sep. 29 Griffith Jordan, Not known.
Mar. 23 James Curry, Not known.	Sep. 29 Benjamin Seyoe, Does attend.
Mar. 23 Owen Ferris, Gone, not known where.	Sep. 29 John Thompson, Seafaring.
Mar. 23 William Dean, D.	Nov. 25 John Osborn, D.
April 14 Jonathan Mullen, Not known.	Nov. 25 Charles Darragh, In New York.
April 27 Samuel Story, D.	Dec. 11 John Ryneear, Not known.
April 27 John Wentz, Lodge in Montgomery County.	Dec. 28 Henry Mathews, D.
April 27 John Service, Gone to No. 9.	1780.
April 27 William Humes, Not known.	Jan. 25 Mathew Graham, Does attend but—
April 27 Mathew Hand, Gone to No. 9.	Jan. 25 Alexander Moore, Not known.
April 29 John Hacket, D.	Jan. 25 Thomas Ramsay, D.
April 29 Worrley Eames, At Carlisle.	Feb. 23 John Morgatroyd, Not known.
May 25 Ambrose Crocker, Gone to No. 9.	Feb. 23 William Rice, In Jersey.
May 25 Henry Darrogh, x.	Feb. 23 Ezekiel Worrell, D.
May 25 Anthony Pearson, D.	Feb. 23 Andrew McIntire, D.
June 22 Michael Simpson, Pittsburgh.	Mar. 28 John Ogburne, In Kensington.
July 9 Patrick Hackett, Yellow Springs.	Mar. 28 Jacob Thompson, Gone to No. 9.
	Mar. 28 John Macklin, Does attend.

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April 20 Frederick Molyneaux, Does attend.	Feb. 27 William Bowers, x.
April 25 Davis Bevan, In Ches- ter.	Feb. 27 Cornelius McCaskey, Lives in the country.
May 13 Peter Hodgkinson, Gone to East Indies.	Mar. 3 Archibald McElroy, Not known.
June 28 Laurence Fitzgerald, D.	Mar. 27 George Way, Does at- tend.
July 6 Charles Souder, Does attend.	April 24 James McDaniel, D.
July 6 Richard Salter, Does not attend.	May 7 Henry D. Purcell, Does attend.
July 6 John Huston, In Ken- sington.	June 26 Thomas Carroll, Does attend.
Aug. 12 John Connor, Does at- tend.	Aug. 29 Joseph Shober, Does attend.
Oct. 7 Bethanah Hodgkinson, Does not attend, be- ing seldom in town. Keeps stage.	Aug. 29 John Boyd, Withdrawn.
Oct. 24 James Nugent, Not known.	1782.
Oct. 24 John Peters, x.	Jan. 22 William Levy, Chester County.
Oct. 24 Arthur Johnston, Not known.	Aug. 27 Henry Callaghan, Not known.
Dec. 5 John Henderson, Sea- faring.	Sep. 4 John Cocoa, Not known.
Dec. 5 William Reade, Not known.	Oct. 22 Samuel Shober, Jen- kintown.
Dec. 26 William A. Patterson, x.	1783.
1781	Jan. 7 Samuel Poulke, D.
Jan. 18 Daniel Pendleton, Gone to the Southern States.	Mar. 24 Temple Harris, West Indies.
Jan. 23 Alexander McCaskey, x Lives in the coun- try.	Mar. 24 Michael Jennings, Does attend.
Jan. 23 Robert Jones, Does at- tend.	April 5 Edward Price, Does attend.
Jan. 23 Michael Graham, Does not attend.	April 28 Frederick Heimberger, Does attend.
	June 23 John Alexander, Does attend.
	Aug. 4 John Myer's, Berks County.
	Aug. 25 Augustine Jones, x.

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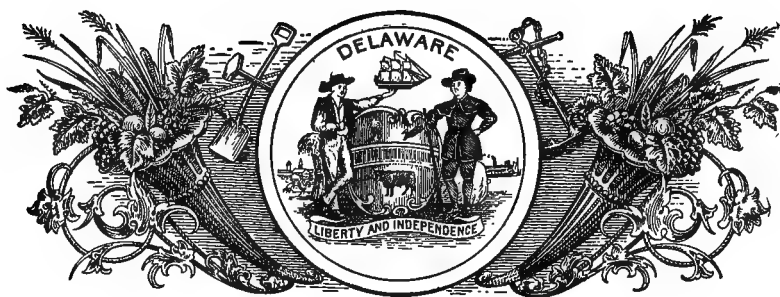
Aug. 25 Thomas Norton, Rising Sun, Germantown Rd.	Nov. 22 Joseph Brown, Gone to the Southern States.
Sep. 22 Richard Hunt, Does attend.	1785.
Oct. 27 George Goddard, Does attend.	Feb. 28 Henry Hoffner, Does attend—but—
Nov. 26 Jeremiah Schillinger, Pilot, attends seldom.	Feb. 28 John Nicholas Garrison, Does attend.
Nov. 26 George Schively, Bay of Honduras or dead.	Feb. 28 William Poultney, Does attend.
1784	April 25 William Fitzgerald, Does attend.
Jan. 26 Jacob Carver, Does attend.	May 23 Peter Wiltenberger, Does attend.
Feb. 6 John Lawson, Seafaring, does attend when in the city.	July 1 Thomas McLean, x.
Feb. 23 Joseph Ashton, Pittsburgh.	Oct. 15 Thomas Watt, At sea, does attend when in the city.
April 26 Samuel Pancoast, Does attend.	Dec. 27 Thomas B. Greenman, In Jersey, but always attends.
May 24 Peter Anderson, At sea, does attend when in the city.	Feb. 27 Alexander Moore, In Jersey. Sometimes attends.
May 24 Francis A. Morris, x.	Mar. 1 Daniel Carrell, Gone for Charleston S. C.
Oct. 25 John Steel, Frankfort, does attend.	

N. B. The names with this mark annexed, x, are members at present who do not attend the Lodge.

We do certify that this return is justly taken from the books of Lodge No. 4 with the remarks we have made on said books.

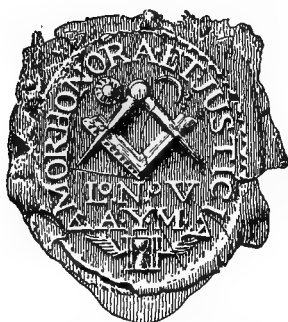
Signed HENRY. D. PURSELLS, Master,
RICHARD HUNT, Sen. Warden,
GEORGE GODDARD, J. W.

The names marked with a "D" were deceased at the time when the above Return was made out.



CHAPTER IX.

LODGE NO. 5, A. Y. M., AT CANTWELL'S BRIDGE (NEW CASTLE COUNTY), DELAWARE.



ON the second day of February, 1764, a Grand Lodge of "Ancient" Masons was opened in ample form, and William Ball, Esq., of Philadelphia, was confirmed as Provincial Grand Master by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

On St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1765, the Grand Officers granted a warrant for a Lodge to be held at Cantwell's Bridge¹ a small hamlet in New Castle County, Delaware, where the post-road crossed the Appoquinimink Creek, about 22 miles south by west of what is now the City of Wilmington; or, as was the custom in those early times, "within five miles thereof."

The location of this Lodge was an important one. As early as the year 1731, permission was granted to one Richard Cantwell to erect a toll bridge over the Appoquinimink Creek, which became known as "Cantwell's Bridge," where eventually a town of considerable importance grew up, as it was a favorite stopping place for persons travelling from the Dela-

¹ Cf. "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. 121.

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ware to the Chesapeake, and later as a port for the shipment of grain. It was on account of this commercial feature, that when the town increased in population, and a distinctive name was wanted for the settlement, that it was named after the great Russian grain port on the Black Sea, viz.: Odessa. It is now a banking-town, with a population of about 600 souls.

This warrant was the first to be granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge "Ancients" of Pennsylvania for a Lodge to be held beyond the bounds of the Province. This document, unfortunately, has not come down to us. The new Lodge, however, from the very beginning became an active Masonic Body, being represented at the various Communications of the Grand Lodge, either by a representative or by proxy, and the officers making regular reports to the Grand Lodge of the membership, dues and elections, during the time the Lodge remained under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The warrant officers were:

Bro. William Bradford, W. M.

Bro. Peter Wyatt, S. W.

Bro. Duncan Beard, J. W.

The newly warranted Lodge was duly opened, and at the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 2, in Philadelphia, held September 10, 1765, Bro. Alexander Rutherford presented a copy of the Minutes of the new Lodge for examination, These were read by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Blaithwaite Jones, who was present, and who, thinking the matter seemed more to concern the Grand Lodge than Lodge No. 2, ordered it to be laid before the Grand Lodge, upon which it was given into the hands of Bro. Wood, Grand Secretary, in order to be laid before the Grand Lodge.²

² Cf. MS. Minutes of Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M. in the Archives of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, MSS., Vol. 106.

In the Archives of the Grand Lodge, we have a number of papers relating to Lodge No. 5, also a copy of the Minutes from June 23, 1770, to December 27, 1787.^a

This old Minute Book is of special value to us, as it gives some information as to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, whose Minutes prior to July 29, 1779, are not known to exist, having become lost or destroyed during the British occupation of Philadelphia in 1777-1778.

What little is known of the early history of this "Ancient" Lodge prior to 1770, is gleaned from the Minutes of Lodge No. 2, wherein we find that at the meeting of the Lodge, March 25, 1766, the three elective officers of Lodge No. 5, Bros. Bradford, Beard and Curtis, were present.

From the old Minute Book of the Lodge the extracts here given will prove of historical interest

Lodge No. 5 was strictly a country Lodge, located in a sparsely settled agricultural country; thus in the very first entry, June 23, 1770, it states that the "Lodge met this day on account of Harvest, instead of the day in course."

During the next three months the Brethren met, but they had a Lecture each night. At the October meeting, they "did some private business."

At the January meeting, 1771, summons were sent out to all members to settle their accounts.

March 28, 1771. Bro. Duncan Beard was ordered to make a new set of Jewels of silver. Likewise ordered a chest to be made for the use of the Lodge.

July 25, 1771. Bro. Wm. Bradford produced a letter from Bro. Alex. Rutherford, Master of Lodge No. 2, (in Philadelphia), dated 14th ult., acquainting us with the trial of Capt. Blaithwaite Jones, D. G. M., John Howard and Alexander

^a MSS., Vol. N, paquet No. 76, pp. 1-82. Also Folio No. 176. By-Laws, Vol. No. 177.

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Rutherford, and as those Gentlemen were acquitted of the accusations against them, requested that the same might be entered in the Minutes of our Transactions which was accordingly order'd to be done. Also that David Hall, Treasurer, had been accused for wronging the Lodge, but upon trial it was found that the accusation was erroneous, and that the said David Hall was acquitted accordingly.

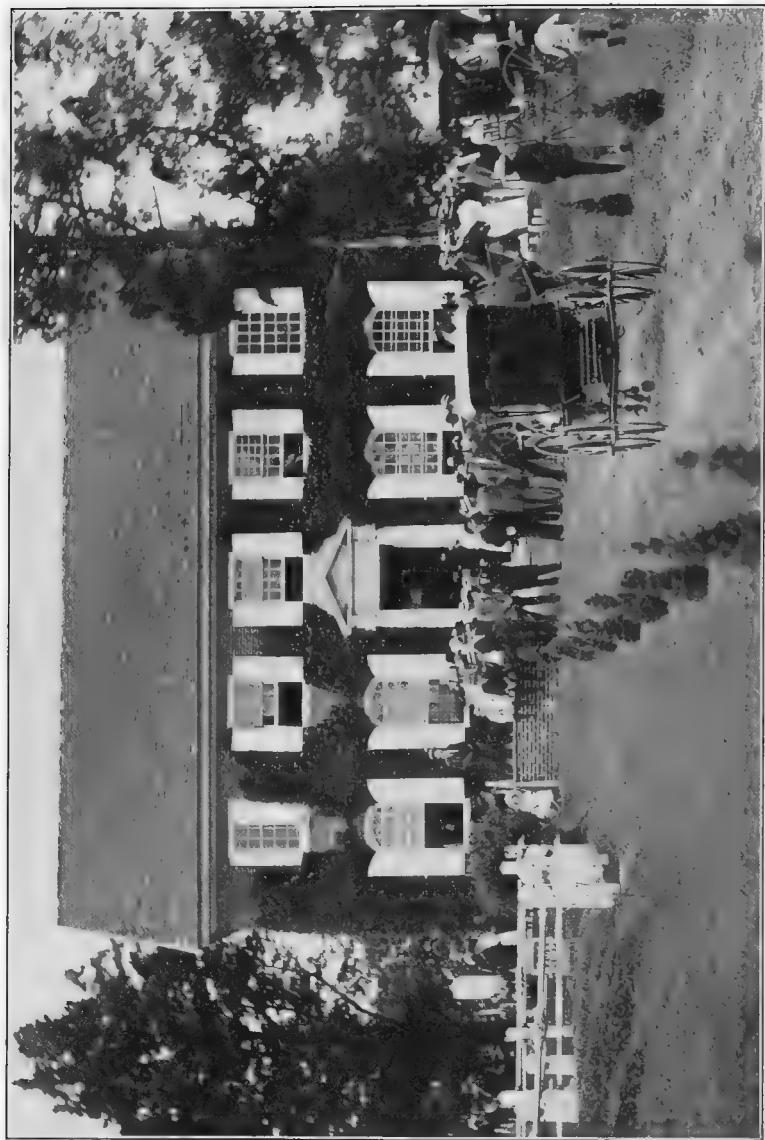
October 31, 1771. Bro. Alexander Rutherford was chosen as Representative to the Grand Lodge with power to appoint two Wardens.—At the Election Dec. 27, 1771, following Brethren were Elected:

Thomas McGraw W. M.
William Smith S. W.
James Conway J. W.
John Vail S. D.
Archibald Anderson J. D.
William Moody Sec'y.
William Bradford Treas.

Under date of May 28, 1772, the Minute Book states: "There not being a sufficient number of members to do Business had to close the Lodge." The next stated Meeting was held ten days before the regular time, viz.: "Lodge in due form, June 15th, for the 25th, 1772. Did some Business."

At the next election a number of changes appear.

William Smith W. M.
William Moody S. W.
John Vail J. W.
Martin Delany S. D.
John Hanson J. D.
Duncan Beard Treas.
William Bradford Sec'y.



DRAWYERS MEETING HOUSE.

CANTWELL'S BRIDGE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE, WHEREIN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY
WAS CELEBRATED BY THE DELAWARE BRETHREN.

Procession on St. John the Baptist's Day

February 25, 1773. Thomas Money declines serving any longer as Tyler. At the April meeting, Bro. Rutherford advises the Lodge, that the Officers of the Grand Lodge (lately chosen) are:

William Ball, R. W. G. M.

John Wood, R. W. D. G. M.

John Howard, S. G. W.

William Shute J. G. W.

St. John the Baptist's Day in 1773 was celebrated at Georgetown, together with Lodge No. 6.

July 29, 1773. Lodge in due form. "Whereas the present W. M. William Smith, who was elected last St. John the Evangelist's day, hath never given his attendance, and as the Lodge have labour'd under a considerable difficulty on that account, it is concluded that a new Master shall be chosen at the next extra Lodge." In pursuance to above James Conway was chosen W. M. August 14, 1773.

Nov. 25, 1773. A strange Brother being in Distress was ordered to receive 30/ out of the Treasury.

March 31, 1774. The question was put whether the Lodge should be continued at Cantwell's Bridge, or removed to some other place more convenient to the members.

May 26, 1774. An invitation was extended to the Brethren at Georgetown to join in a procession on St. John's Day next. Upon which day—the Brethren. together with Ten Brethren from Georgetown Lodge No. 6—one from Lodge No. 4 in Philadelphia, and one Brother from New Castle—proceeded in procession from the Lodge Room to Mr. Reed's Meeting House,⁴ where a sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Montgomery of New Castle from Heb. 13, 1.

⁴This was the Presbyterian Church at Cantwell's Bridge. It was known as "Drawyers" Church. It had been rebuilt in 1773, a subscription for that purpose having been raised by a committee, all of

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Sept. 29, 1774. Being in want of a Tyler, Henry Lancaster was both Crafted and Raised, as a Compensation for his Employment.

April 27, 1775. It was resolved to remove the Lodge to Bro. Thomas Sculley's at Middletown.⁵

May 25, 1775. "Concluded that this body do meet the 15th of June next, in lieu of the day in course, on account of Harvest."

August 12, 1775. Extra Lodge. "Mark McCall, George McCall and Henry Bell, being well recommended to this Lodge, and having some pretensions to the Fraternity, were upon examination found to be Antient Masons, but clandestinely made, therefore by their requests they were entered—past and raised to the degree of Master Mason, and received Certificates to enable them to obtain a warrant for holding a Lodge in Dover.

(The three above named Brethren at once applied to the Grand Lodge for a warrant, which was granted August 26, 1775. The new Lodge was number 18 on the Roster, and to be held at the *Sign of General Washington*,⁶ in the town of Dover, in Kent County, of Delaware. This is the earliest mention of the name of Gen. Washington in Masonic records.

This Lodge was constituted Wednesday, October 11, 1775, by Bro. Alexander Rutherford, of Lodge No. 2.)

October 26, 1775.

"For want of a sufficient number of members was obliged to close the Lodge."

whom were members of Lodge No. 5. This new church was a two-story brick edifice, measuring 44 by 56 feet. The pastor was the Rev. Thomas Reed, who served the congregation from 1768 to 1796.

⁵ In New Castle County, about 25 miles south-southwest of Wilmington.

⁶ This inn was destroyed by fire, November 10th, 1863.

Emergency Petitions

January 25, 1776. Doctor John Miller for reasons sufficiently cogent, balloted for and entered.

February 29, 1776. Emergency Petitions were received from John August Cutting—James Thompson, James Townsend and Isaac Carty. It was proposed (for particular reasons) to remove the seat of this Lodge to some other place, equally convenient—whereupon Martin Delany's at Cantwell's Bridge was concluded for that purpose.

From now on a number of Emergency Petitions were received from soldiers in the Continental Army.

March 28, 1776. James Luker and Abram. Carty, being an officer in the Continental Troop, was entered. Having received marching orders, he was passed and raised at an Extra Lodge April 22.

April 25. Alexander Stuart, a Continental Officer, prayed for immediate entrance, as his stay was uncertain—approved and entered—Extra Lodge called for next Saturday, April 27, to further advance him, which was done.

June 24, 1776. Lodge in due form—"Being the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist (sic) and being favoured with the Company of sundry members from the George Town and Dover Lodges, we proceeded from the Lodge room, in procession to the Rev. Mr. Read's Meeting House where we had a Sermon preached on the occasion."

August 28, 1776. Bros. William Moody—James Tate—and William Miller have entered into the Army, and being desirous of obtaining Certificates, they were granted them.

November 28, 1776. An attempt was again made to move the Lodge.

January 1, 1777. James Luker having entered the service of his Country was advanced—John Hyatt likewise engaged in the service of his Country prayed for immediate entrance, which was granted.

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January 30, 1777. John Hyatt was Crafted, and taking his particular situation into consideration, was likewise made a Master Mason.

February 27, 1777. Petitions were received from George Bush, Benjamin McLean and George Silsby asking for immediate entrance if found worthy, being all engaged in the service of their Country. Bush and Silsby were approved and entered.

May 29, 1777. Joseph Wild being engaged in the service of his Country was entered.

September 27, 1777. Lodge in due form. Transactions. "The Confusion we were thrown into by the British Army landing at Elk, prevented us from meeting on last month."

December 27, 1777. Following officers were elected:

Isaac Allman W. M.

Thomas Shields S. W.

Abram Carty J. W.

Alexander McDonald S. D.

Joseph Kincaid J. D.

William Bradford Treas.

Richard Curtis Sec'y.

January 29, 1778. John Stockton appeared in this Lodge and informs that he was made a Mason in Morris Town, by Dr. Tillotson James Thompson and John Dickson.

St. John the Baptist's Day was spent in harmony and cheerfulness.

October 29, 1778. On motion ordered that the drawer which contains the Warrant of the Lodge he broke open (as the key had been lost sometime) to see whether the Warrant is safe.—Accordingly the Drawer was broke open and the Warrant found in it.

Early in 1779 a dispute arose between Bros. William Moody

The Case of Martin Delany

and Martin Delany, about a Negro woman—this case was brought before the Lodge and eventually came before the Grand Lodge at the February meeting. The matter in dispute between Bros. William Moody and Martin Delany, and which was left to the determination of a Committee, on the last day of meeting, and their report not being complied with on the part of the said Delany, who thought the manner of proceeding not altogether Legal, in consequence thereof he made a complaint to the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, the Master of which wrote the Master of this Lodge, recommending it to him, to take the voice of the whole Body on that affair, which was accordingly done, and the question put whether the Determination of the Committee should be binding or not? and there appeared a majority of six against it.

This ruling of the Grand Lodge caused considerable trouble among the Brethren of Lodge No. 5, one of the results being a challenge to fight a duel sent by Bro. Martin Delany to Bro. Henry Foster. This the latter brought before the Lodge at the Stated Meeting March 25, 1779, when it was resolved that this action was Contrary to the principles of Masonry, and Destructive to the harmony of the Lodge, as well as the Society of Mankind—so it was voted that the said Delany should either make satisfactory acknowledgments to said Brother Foster, or be excluded the free intercourse of this Lodge.

Two months later, May 27, 1779, Bro. Martin Delany made such acknowledgments to Bro. Foster in open Lodge as was satisfactory. On St. John's Day the Lodge walked in Procession to Drawyers Meeting House, where Rev. Thos. Read preached a Sermon from Gen. 45.24.

August 5, 1779, an Extra Lodge was held to finally settle the dispute between Bros. Moody and Delany—when it was

“Resolved, That in the opinion of this Lodge, that they have

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the whole regulation of the internal police of this Lodge. Exclusive of any other whatever."

The following explanation is added to the above resolution, which, as will appear later, was ordered by the Grand Lodge to be erased from the Minutes.

"In the proceedings of the 25th of February last past, it appears that many of the younger members were influenced by the Grand Master's letter respecting the dispute between Brothers Moody and Delany, and that they conceived it of more authority than it was intended, and being unacquainted with the internal Police of the Lodge, it was concluded to enter the above Resolution as a standing rule to regulate our conduct by, in matters of similar nature.

"Therefore as the Transactions of that day proceeded more from mistake than Design, it was agreed to recind the Transactions of that Day so far as it respected the Dispute of said Moody and Delany, and it was accordingly rescinded, and furthermore, we do approve, and think legal the proceedings of the Committee of the 28th of January last.—

"Bro. Delany refusing to comply with the Resolutions of the said Committee, and make the Concessions by them appointed—It is therefore the unanimous voice of this Body, that the said Delany be excluded the free intercourse of this Lodge, until he is sensible of his error and make proper application to the Chair for Grace.

"Brother Moody was ordered into open Lodge and received the thanks of the Chair for his steady perseverance in the Principles of Masonry."

When this matter became known to the Grand Lodge, the following action was taken at the Communication of December 21, 1779:

"On Motion, Resolved, that the Transactions of No. 5 respecting their determining the internal Police of their own Lodge exclusive of all superior Jurisdiction whatever, be erased, such Determination being unconstitutional and repugnant to the fundamental Rules and true order of Masonry."

A Grand Lodge Certificate

In Compliance with above resolution a line was drawn on the Minutes through the above resolution.

At an Extra Lodge held May 18, 1780, Bro. Alex. Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden met in Lodge and communicated the last regulations of the Grand Lodge, and in a spirited manner recommended Brotherly Love, likewise any Person Petitioning and their petitions rejected to send circular letters to the nearest Lodges acquainting them with the names, &c. *November 30, 1780.*

"Charles Pope—Wm. Jardon, James Townsend—John Cole and Wm. Rees, members of this Lodge, from the Cross Roads, Kent County, finding it Disconvenient—to attend this Lodge, being all Worthy members, begs leaves to Joyn our Brethren in Dover which was granted, and we parted in love and harmony.

"The members of New Castle and Christiana Bridge being desirous to form themselves into a regular Lodge applied to this Lodge for a Recommendation to the Grand Lodge."

The result of this movement was the granting of a warrant, December 18, 1780, by the Grand Lodge, dated April 3, 1781, known as Lodge No. 33 to be held at "New Castle, and at Christiana Bridge, one year at one place, and the ensuing year at the other, Delaware."

At this time the Lodge met in their Lodge room at the "Trap," a hamlet in New Castle County, as appears from the following certificate in the Archives of the Grand Lodge.⁷

"We the Master Wardens & Members of Lodge No. 5 held at the Trap in New Castle county in the Delaware State.

"Do hereby Certifie that the bearer hereof our well Beloved Brother Richard Wild is a Lawfull Registered Free and Excepted Master Mason, and During his continuance amongst us always Behaved himself as becometh every Worthy Brother and we do Recommend him as such Where ever Providence my order his Lott.

⁷ MSS., Vol. J, p. 27.

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"Given under our hands at our Lodge in our Lodge Room at the
Trap the Thirtieth Day of November 1781 and in Masonry 5781.

		"RICHARD CURTIS, <i>Master</i>	
"To all it may Concern } HENRY FORSTER, Sec ^{ty} . }	}	S.	} <i>Wardens</i> "
		JOHN AIKEN, J	

March 27, 1783. A Committee was appointed to settle the value of \$100. due from Bro. Alex. Stuart to the Widow of Bro. Harmon Allricks, and reported that the value thereof with interest thereon was Nine Pounds Specie.

January 26, 1786. Lodge in due form.

"Our Brethren, Henry Robinson and William Hugg from Head of Elk, *incl.* County Mary'd finding Inconvenient to attend this Lodge No. 5—Being all Worthy Members presented a Petition to this Body Sitting forth in the prayer of the Peti's for a Certificate and a recommendation to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Warrant to establish a Lodge at the head of Elk, &c.

"On Motion it was moved that an Extra Lodge be held on the 11th day of February, at 2 O'Clock for above purpose. At this meeting it was resolved to grant above petition—the name of John Holland being added."

This petition was brought before the Grand Lodge, March 27, 1786. It was ordered that when application should be made for said warrant that it be granted. This, however, was never made, as the Brethren at the head of Elk did not have the money. April 27, 1786, they petitioned Lodge No. 5 for a donation of £15 to pay for the warrant. This request being refused by the Lodge, the application was never made.

Another interesting item in connection with this Lodge, is that it was one of the twelve Lodges represented on the memorable 25th of September, 1786, when it was decided to close forever the Grand Lodge acting under the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and re-open it as an Independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Upon this occasion Lodge

No. 5, so far as known, was represented by Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Alexander Rutherford,^s who had served in that capacity since October, 1771.

From the Minutes of the Grand Lodge, we find that at the Communication, held December 20, 1779, the Lodge was represented by Bros. Magraw, Master, Shields, S. W., and Curtz, J. W. Upon this occasion the Lodge agreed to give £100 to the Charity Fund in lieu of arrears due.

At the Quarterly Communication, Dec. 18, 1780, the Lodge reported—members and paid Two Thousand and seventy-two dollars dues.

Two years later, December 23, 1782, the Lodge, owing to the financial condition of the country, requested further time for the payment of their dues.

At the Quarterly Communication, March 27, 1786, a letter was read from the Lodge, directed to the Deputy Grand Master, acquiescing in the determination of the Grand Lodge, respecting Representatives of the different Lodges being amenable for the Dues of the Lodge which they represent, to the Grand Lodge aforesaid.

It was upon this date, when the preliminary steps were taken to establish a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain. This movement culminated at the Quarterly Communication, held September 25, 1786, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, acting by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed forever. At the same time, the new Independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was opened in ample form. Twelve Lodges were represented upon this occasion, among which Lodge No. 5 took a prominent part. At the adjourned Communication, October 16, 1786, Lodge No. 5 sent a letter from Bro. Wm. Bradford, accompanied with £12.0.0, on account of dues of that Lodge, which was the first money

^s MSS., Vol. N, paquet No. 76, p. 9. Also Minutes, folio 3.

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received by the present Grand Lodge. The time of meeting of the Lodge was upon the last Thursday of the month.

Shortly after the beginning of the year 1787, the following letter was received by Bro. George A. Baker, the Grand Secretary:

“CANTWELLS BRIDGE Decem^r. 27th. 1786

“TO THE RIGHT WORTHY AND RIGHT WORSHIPFULL MASTER AND
THE REST OF THE BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT
YORK MASONS HELD AT PHILADELPHIA IN THE STATE OF PENN-
SYLVANIA

“*Brothers*: I have the Honor of being authorized and requested to acquaint you that the Five different Lodges of the State of Delaware, to wit: No. 5, 14, 18, 33, & 44 have lately held a Convention by the unanimous consent of all the Brethren belonging to them in the Lodge Room of No. 5 and amongst other matters it was resolved that I should write to you and pray you to answer us in a kind & Brotherly manner for our instruction and information the following questions:

“First—Whether the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia has a competent power to constitute a Grand Lodge in the State of Delaware or any other place under their Jurisdiction?

“Secondly—If they have, what would be the necessary expense attending such a Constitution?

“Thirdly—If they have not that power where then is it lodged and how is a Grand Warrant to be Obtained?

“Since the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia hath declared themselves independant of Great Britain we have heard that they have some intention of calling in all the old Warrants heretofore granted to the different Lodges and of granting new ones under their present independant Jurisdiction. We therefore wish also to be informed if these new Warrants will be attended with any expence?

“As we are anxious to be acquainted with these matters we are in hopes of being indulged with a full and speedy answer—in the mean time, I am

“with sincere Esteem & Love
“your affectionate Brother
“WM. BRADFORD.”

Vicissitudes of Lodge No. 5

This letter was read before the Grand Lodge, and answered under date of January 26, 1787.^s

For several years the Lodge flourished and was regularly represented at the meetings of the Grand Lodge. Then, however, came a period of adversity, as set forth in a petition to the Grand Lodge, which was read at the Quarterly Communication, December 4, 1797.

It set forth that from various causes, such as Death, Removal, Inability, &c., of Brethren, they had been reduced to such a state of inaction as that they had (four Lodge nights excepted) been forced to close their labors from the 25th August, 1791, to the 30th March, 1797, which time they had opened their work with a fair prospect of a Sufficient Number of Workmen again to carry on the Rules of the Craft with Harmony and Brotherly Love, and praying that considering the small number of Brethren, and the exhausted state of their Funds, this R. W. G. L. would release them from all those dues in which they stand indebted, or at least during their six years inaction.

On Motion, the same was referr'd to Bros. Irving, Wolbert and Andrew Nilson to Report thereon.

In compliance with the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of St. John's Day last respecting Lodge No. 5, said Lodge now presented their Warrant, together with their Petition praying that this Grand Lodge by Endorsement on said Warrant would Authorize them to carry on their Works under the same, and also praying to be exonerated from all arrearage Dues until 30th March 1797. On Motion made and seconded, Ordered that the Prayer of said Petition be granted.

The following Returns of Lodge No. 5 were then received and read, viz.:

Their Return of Members from 30th of March, 1797 to St.

^s MSS., Vol. N, paquet 76, folio 83.

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John's Day last, returning 11 standing Members and Containing the Expulsion of T—M—, an Enter'd Apprentice, on the 22'd Ult. and the Rejection of T—C—, A—G— and B—G—. Their Account of Grand Lodge Dues from 30th March, 1797, up to this Day. and their Election Return of Officers for (6) Six Months from St. John's Day last, returning Christian Weaver, Master, John Aitken, Senior Warden, Charles Hanson, Junior Warden, John Moody, Secretary, Leonard Vandergrift, Treasurer.

At the Communication, June 4, 1798, a copy of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 5 was received and referred to a Committee, which reported at the Adjourned Meeting, December 17, 1798, that they found nothing repugnant to the Ancient Constitution contained in said By-Laws—consequently they were approved.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were incorporated in the By-Laws of the Lodge:^a

"Whereas, in our opinions the practice of gaming with cards or dice for money, or other property, the habit of profane swearing, of Sabbath breaking, and of intoxication are no less inconsistent with the character of Free Masons that with the professions of Christianity, therefore—

"*Resolved*, That we will make every possible exertion, both by example and influence, to discountenance such practices and habits.

"*Resolved*, That the above preamble and resolution be read at every meeting of this Lodge immediately after the opening thereof."

The returns of Lodge No. 5 were regularly made, and the dues paid to the Grand Lodge up to and including the year 1815, when the warrant was finally surrendered, January 30, 1816, so that this Lodge might join the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

The following is the Roster of the Lodge at that time:

^a Copy in Grand Lodge Library, Vol. 177, p. 8.

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RETURN OF THE MEMBERS OF LODGE No. 5, DECEMBER 27, 1815.

LEONARD VANDERGRIFF, Principal Assessor U. S. Direct Tax, Near Cantwells Bridge.

JOHN MOODY, Post Master, Cantwells Bridge.

JACOB STREETS, Cordwainer, Middletown, Del.

ALEXANDER BRISCOE, Tanner, Baltimore, Md.

ARNOLD S. NAUDAIN, Farmer, Near Cantwells Bridge.

THOMAS BELVILL, Tailor, Cantwell's Bridge.

WILLIAM STREETS, Cordwainer, Middletown, Del.

GEORGE MITCHELL, Cordwainer, Near Cantwells Bridge.

JOHN STEWART, Farmer, Ditto.

JONATHAN ALLSTON, Schoolmaster, Port Penn.

JOSHUA BOWER, Carpenter, Ditto.

EDWARD ROSS, Merchant, Cantwells Bridge.

It was on the sixth day of June, 1806, when representatives of four of the Masonic Lodges in Delaware met in Convention at Wilmington, and resolved unanimously to organize themselves into a Grand Lodge. These four lodges were

No. 14, held at Wilmington (now Washington Lodge, No. 1, Delaware);

No. 33, held at New Castle (St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Delaware), and

No. 96, held at Newark, New Castle Co. (Hiram Lodge, No. 3), which were warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania;

No. 31, at Laurel Town, Sussex County (Hope Lodge, No. 4), which was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Lodge No. 5 sent no representatives, and took no part in this movement, but maintained its fealty to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a decade after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

At the Grand Communication held in the Senate Chamber, in the town of Dover, Delaware, on Monday, January 15, 1816, Bros. Leonard Vandegrift and Arnold G. Naudain, from Lodge No. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge, presented a petition from the

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members of Lodge No. 5, stating that "said Lodge had withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that the members requested a warrant for the said Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Accompanying the said petition was an extract from the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated December 18, 1815, granting permission to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and attach themselves to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and at the same time giving them the liberty of retaining the funds, jewels, etc., of their said Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion, it was

Resolved, that the said petition from the Members of Lodge No. 5, for a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, be and is hereby granted; and that a Warrant be issued upon payment of the Grand Secretary's fee." This was paid and the New Warrant delivered Thursday January 25, 1816.

COMPLETE LIST OF MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 5 AS THEY APPEAR UPON THE RECORDS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

William Bradford	June 24,	1765
Peter Hyatt	June 24,	1765
Duncan Beard	June 24,	1765
Thomas McGraw		
William Smith		
James Conway		
Richard Griffith		
John Veal		
William Moody		
Thomas McCoy		
Martin Delany	I. February 27,	1772
Thomas Seullely	February 27,	1772
William McKean		
Henry Van Bebber	August 27,	1772
James Moody	August 27,	1772
Isaac Moody	August 27,	1772
Isaac Allman	December 27,	1772
John Tobin	February 25,	1773

Roster of Lodge No. 5, A. M. M.

James Lowrey	February 25,	1773
Samuel Tobin	April 8,	1773
William Millan	May 27,	1773
John Dickson	June 17,	1773
John Bevan	August 14,	1773
Nicholas Van Horn		
George Hillis	December 27,	1773
John Parke	March 31,	1774
Robert May	May 26,	1774
James Tate	August 25,	1774
Henry Lancaster	August 25,	1774
Thomas Shields	September 29,	1774
Charles Pope	I. November 24,	1774
John Enos	January 26,	1775
Lawrence Skeat	January 26,	1775
Henry Forster	January 26,	1775
John Clark	February 23,	1775
Jacob Houston	March 30,	1775
John McDonough	March 30,	1775
William Rees	May 25,	1775
William Jordan	May 25,	1775
Mark McCall	August 12,	1775
George McCall	August 12,	1775
Henry Bell	August 12,	1775
John Cole	August 31,	1775
Alexander McDonald	September 28,	1775
Alexander Montgomery		
John Miller	January 25,	1776
John Augustus Cutting	February 29,	1776
James Thompson	March 28,	1776
James Townsend	March 28,	1776
Abraham Carty	March 28,	1776
Alex ^r Stuart, Jun ^r	April 25,	1776
James Luker	May 30,	1776
James Cameron	August 28,	1776
Joseph Kinkade	October 31,	1776
John Hyatt	January 1,	1777
Herbert Burgess		
William Thomas	January 1,	1777
George Bush	February 27,	1777
Benjamin McLean	February 26,	1777

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Joseph Silsbe	February 27,	1777
John McLean	March 27,	1777
Charles Hanson	I. March 27,	1777
Joseph Wild	May 29,	1777
Harmannies Alricks	May 29,	1777
Lawrence Hanson	June 10,	1777
William Smith Jr.	July 31,	1777
James Newell		
Bennet Lowe	January 29,	1778
William McKean		
Richard Clayton	March 26,	1778
Michael McBrearty		
Joseph Aspril	May 27,	1778
Peter Alricks	July 30,	1778
William Woodland	August 27,	1778
Peter Jetter	August 27,	1778
James Vasant		
George Walker		
Samuel Stewart		
Richard Wild	January, 28,	1779
Joseph Booth	February 25,	1779
Joseph Israel	February 25,	1779
William Norris	February 25,	1779
Inslee Anderson	February 25,	1779
John McKennan	February 25,	1779
Philip Janvier		
Jonathan Woodland	April 29,	1779
Henry Robinson	July 27,	1780
John Venn		
Robert McCracken	October 28,	1779
James Booth	September 30,	1779
Richard McWilliams	September 30,	1779
Enoch Anderson	October 28,	1779
Peter Wade	January 27,	1780
Leonard Vandegrift	January 27,	1780
James Bogs	January 27,	1780
Stephen McWilliams	February 24,	1780
Archibald Alexander		
William Walker	May 25,	1780
Thomas Booth		
Edmond Robinson		

Roster of Lodge No. 5, A. M. M.

William Hugg	September 26,	1782
Henry Kitchen	January 30,	1783
John Holland	March 27,	1783
John Watson		
Alex ^r Murphy	April 24,	1783
Nathaniel Bryan	July 31,	1783
Mathias Cazier	December 11,	1783
Hugh McDade	December 27,	1783
Samuel Bradford	February 26,	1784
Rodolph Gonce	February 26,	1784
Jacob Streats		
Jonas Alricks	August 26,	1784
Stephen Enos		
Robert Owen		
Robert Douglass		
Robert McMurphy	September 25,	1785
Christopher Weaver	May 25,	1786
Jesse Currey	May 25,	1786
Michael McDonough	September 28,	1786
Joseph Rothwell	July 27,	1786
Zachariah Lawrence	October 26,	1786
Thomas McGraw Jr	October 26,	1786
Jacob Fowler	January 25,	1787
Robert Soper	January 25,	1787
John Aitken	March 30,	1797
Jasper Corrie	March 30,	1797
Bernard Gilmore	March 30,	1797
John Moody	September 9,	1797
Richard C. Dale	September 28,	1797
William Bradford	September 28,	1797
John Hutton	November 30,	1797
William Lindsey	November 30,	1797
Thomas Chatten		
Abraham Gooding		
Thomas Merritt	January 11,	1798
Benjamin Green		
Luke Derrickson	June 13,	1798
Jacob Streets	July 26,	1798
Timothy C. Darragh	July 26,	1798
William Monntain	February 28,	1798
William Johnston	March 28,	1799

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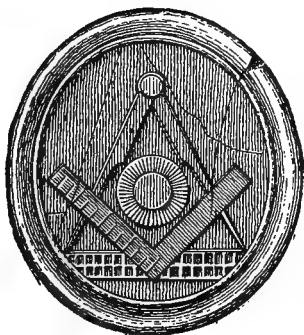
John V. Hyatt	March 28,	1799
Dennis P. Nowland	January 30,	1800
Joseph Sawyer	May 29,	1800
John Merritt	A. June 24,	1800
Abraham See		
John Chatteor		
Arnold S. Naudain	July 28,	1803
William Streets	September 27,	1804
John Hamilton	September 27,	1804
Joshua Bowen	May 30,	1805
George Mitchell	May 30,	1805
John Springer	August 29,	1805
Arthur Johns	September 26,	1805
Leonard Vandegrift	A. December 27,	1805
Alexander Briscoe	I. February 27,	1806
Richard Mansfield	A. December 25,	1806
Doctor Arthur Johns	A. December 26,	1807
Rev. Henry Lyon Davis	A. January 28,	1808
Doctor John T. Veazey	I. January 28,	1808
John Stuart	February 26,	1808
William McMillin	November 24,	1808
Levi Hughes	February 28,	1811
John F. Mansfield	July 25,	1811
Thomas Belville	July 25,	1811
Elijah Towns	October 31,	1811
Jonathan Allston	November 28,	1811
Jonathan Lord	December 26,	1811
Arthur Wells		
John Bates		





CHAPTER X.

LODGE NO. 6, A. Y. M., HELD AT GEORGETOWN
(KENT COUNTY), ON THE SASSAFRASS
RIVER, ON THE EASTERN SHORE
OF MARYLAND.



FREEMASONRY was introduced into Maryland, during the Colonial period from at least three sources, viz.:

The Grand Lodge "Moderns" of Massachusetts in 1750; the Grand Lodge "Moderns" of England, 1765; and the Grand Lodge "Ancients" of Pennsylvania 1766.

There are traditions that a Masonic Lodge was formed by some Scotch Masons at Georgetown, Maryland, during the third decade of the eighteenth century. This Georgetown, however, must not be confused with the settlement of the same name on the Sassafrass River; it was in Frederick County, on the banks of the Potomac River, now forming a part of the District of Columbia.

The ancient Pennsylvania warrant for the Lodge at Georgetown, on the Sassafrass River, was granted May 23, 1766. Unfortunately, there are but few early records of

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this Lodge extant. Even the copy of the original warrant is missing in the Warrant Book. The oldest document in our Archives relating to Lodge No. 6, is a list of members dated December 15, 1779, viz.:

A LIST OF THE MEMBERS BELONGING TO LODGE No. 6 DECEMBER 15, 1779.

William Rasin, Master.	Isaac Cornell,
Alexander Stuart, S. Warden.	Pat'k. Ferrall,
William Forrester, Jr. Warden.	John Hamilton,
Will'm. Grindage, S. Deacon.	Abraham Falconer,
John Day, Jr. Deacon.	Josiah Johnstone,
Enoch Johns, Treasurer.	George Vansant,
James Hynson, Secretary.	Benj'n. Vansant,
Nathl. Knock,	Will'm. Knock,
Benj'n. Terry,	Thomas Saunders,
Jeremiah Ford,	James Woodland,
Nathl. Glien,	James Henry,
Jam's. Massy,	Mich'l. Jobson,
Morgan James,	Will'm. Little,
Collin Fergusson,	Wm. Miers,
Jacob Jones,	Benj. Hazle.

Lodge No. 6 from the earliest days of its existence was an active Masonic body, and became the precursor of Freemasonry in the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The old Minutes of Lodge No. 5 show how close the intimacy was between these two Lodges. On St. John the Baptist's Day, the two joined regularly in the celebration of the Feast of the Patron Saint. Thus, on June 17, 1773, the Georgetown Lodge extended an invitation to the Chestertown Brethren, which was accepted. A year later, 1774, Chestertown Lodge invited the Brethren of No. 6 to participate with them. In response, ten of the Brethren of No. 6 attended, and proceeded in procession from the Lodge Room to Mr. Reed's Meeting House, and after the

service returned and spent the remainder of the day in Harmony.

St. John's Day, June, 1775, was evidently celebrated in Georgetown. St. John's Day, 1776, was celebrated at Cantwell's Bridge together with the local and Dover Lodges.¹ In 1777, the Feast was again held at Georgetown. Of 1778, we have no record. In 1779, services were held in Drawyer's Meeting House, "sermon by Rev. Thomas Reed, Gen. 45, 24." Thence the records are blank until June, 1786, when Georgetown Lodge No. 6 sent out a letter requesting the members of the other Lodges in Delaware and the Eastern Shore to join in their celebration.

The first notice of the Lodge in the Minutes of our Grand Lodge appears under date of December 18, 1779, when the Lodge was represented by Bros. Wm. Rasin, W. M., Alex. Stuart, S. W., and William Forrester, Jr. W.

At the Communication, December 20, 1779, the Lodge by their Master, Bro. Rasin paid £150 toward the Charity Fund.

A year later at the December Quarterly Communication Lodge No. 6 was not represented, and made no return.

The following certificate was found in the Grand Lodge Archives:²

"I do hereby certify that Brother Benjamin Vansant is a regular Registered Free Mason of Lodge No. 6 of George Town, Kent County, Maryland, and has during his stay amongst them Behaved himself as become an honest and Worthy Brother—given under my hand and the seal of the Lodge this 11th day of April, 1780 and of Masonry 5780.

"JAMES WOODLAND, *Sec'y.*"

In the meantime discord had broken out among the mem-

¹ *Vide* p. 173, *supra*.

² MSS., Vol. J, paquet 54, folio 27.

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bers. When seven of the Brethren intended to apply for a new warrant, this becoming known to the other members, the Master sent the following letter to the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William Ball, dated January 25, 1781:

"Dear Sir:

"I just this minute was informed some persons that have been Members of Lodge No. 6 have apply'd to the Grand Lodge (or particularly to you) for a Warrant to Establish a New Lodge in all probability those Men that have apply'd are expelled our Body—if the Grand Lodge should grant expell'd Members a Warrant for a New Lodge in my opinion it will Injure Masonry exceedingly—You must at the same time know Kent County is a small County, there being more than two Lodges in it would Injure Masonry with us there ought not to be any Lodges held only in Geo. Town & Chester Town the said places being most central a list of expel'd Masons I will write you next post, if such an application has been made pray write me and if not too much trouble shou'd be glad to have a list of those persons names that has applied, being in haste have only time to say I am truly your friend & Brother

W. RASIN.

Jan'y. 25th 1781. } "I suppose if an application is made
"Maryland } you will summons some of our Lodge before you Grant a Warrant."

This was followed by a communication, signed by J. Wilmer, February 5, 1781—giving the names of the expelled Brethren:

"GEO. TOWN, Feb'y. 5th, 1781.

"Brother Rutherford:

"It was this day unanimously agreed by the Lodge No. 6 that the following persons were expelled this Society.

"We beg leave to assure the Grand Lodge that it proceeded not from prejudice or partiality, but from Motives of Justice in us and a sincere desire to keep up the Lodge with a due respect.

"Signed by order
of the Lodge
J. J. WILMER

"True Copy }
from the Minutes. }

"James Henry Abraham Falconer Josiah Johnson William Grindage Benjamin Terry Jeremiah Ford William Forester	}	Expelled.
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"P. S. You are requested to lay this before the Grand Lodge."

This becoming known to the aforesaid Brethren, they sent a counter statement, dated Feb'y 27, 1781, followed by one from the Secretary of the Lodge, J. J. Wilmer, March 13, 1781:

"KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND, 27th Feb'y. 1781

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND WARDENS OF THE
GRAND LODGE IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, GREETING—

"Whereas we are inform'd that Lodge No. 6 in George Town, Kent County, Maryland, has sent two letters to your Hon. Body, the One Signed Wm. Rasin, the other J. Wilmor, notifying the expulsion of us the Subscribers from No. 6 and without assigning any reason for such proceeding, we earnestly beg that the Grand Lodge will delay a further proceeding thereof untill we as Masons are summon'd to answer any allegations that may be alleged by No. 6 for said expulsion, and we doubt not but we shall give satisfaction for our Conduct from the time of our becoming member of that Body to this date.

"G. Wm. Forester
Jeremiah Ford
Benjamin Terry
Abraham Falconer
Jos. H. Johnson
James Henry
William Grindage."

Letter from J. J. Wilmer, Secretary of Lodge No. 6:

"*Brother Rutherford:*

"In answer to your Favors of the 10th Inst. received, we beg leave to observe,—that the quondam Brethren of No. 6 whose

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names were enclosed to us, and who were Jointly concerned in applying to the Grand Lodge for a separate Warrant conducted themselves in so inconsistent a manner as required us to come to the most speedy and effectual method to save the Society in this quarter from being totally dissolved. The Body of the Lodge were entirely unacquainted with the Intentions of the Applicants. They conferred not in the Lodge upon the subject but concealedly made their Intentions known unto you. By our By-Laws they have Justly forfeited the right in which they once stood with us.

"If they aimed at a reform in the Society we conceive they ought to have done it as Brethren, but as No. 6 *merely* had not wounded their delicacy,—Why then apply for a separate Lodge?

"Tenderness in us prevents us from being further particular, but we have reasons to fear, exclusive of the extraordinary application made by the Delinquents—their indirect conduct also out of Doors, and perhaps not to Brethren too, in some measure may have tended, transiently to wound, with weak and credulous minds, the virtuous Intentions of Masonry.

"The Returns shall be made as speedily as possible. In the meantime, we beg leave to assure you that we are with true zeal for the Society and esteem for yourself—Dear Brother

"Done at an extra meeting
held in Geo. Town this 13th day
of March A. D. 1781."

"Yours with respect

"J. J. WILMER, *Sec'y.*"

These troubles having now reached an acute stage, the matter was referred to the Grand Secretary, the Rev. William Smith, who was then in Chestertown, and who attempted to again bring about peace and harmony. The following, from a letter to his son, Wm. Moore Smith, explains his action; it is dated May 22, 1781, viz.:

"P. S. Let the Grand or Dep'y Grand Master know that I took Dr. Bordly the present and Mr. Worrell the Past Master of Chestertown Lodge with me and held a Lodge for Georgetown to hear the Reasons offered for expelling eleven of their members. We found the expulsions irregular and they are to call a Lodge the first Monday of June & to give the expelled members an opportunity of

Convention at Talbot Court House

taking their seats & answering for themselves. We therefore delay our report to the Grand Lodge till after the meeting, and therefore you will see that nothing be done in the Business by the G Lodge till our Report is brought up

N. B. I opened this Letter myself to write the above postscript."

At a Grand Lodge of Emergency held November 22, 1781, the Grand Secretary then reported that he "had called the members of No. 6 together, in hopes to reconcile some differences respecting the expelled Members, but found it impossible; he reported, too, that the Brethren who had been expell'd were amongst the most respectable members of the Lodge, and will petition for a new Warrant."

At the Communication, December 23, 1782, the Lodge was represented, but made no return.

In the meantime, a convention was held, July 31, 1783, at Talbot Court House, of the five Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at which Bros. John Coats, Deputy Grand Master, and the Rev. William Smith, Grand Secretary, of Pennsylvania, were present. This convention was called for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of Maryland. Lodge No. 6, upon this occasion, was represented by Alexander Stewart, W. M., William Forrester, Junior Warden, and William Razin, Past Master.³

It was resolved that this Grand Lodge, should be a moving Lodge, that is to say, "it shall sit at different places at different times."

The following Brethren were chosen:

Bro. John Coats, Grand Master.

Bro. James Kent (Lodge No. 17) appointed Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Thomas Bourke (Lodge No. 29) chosen Senior Grand Warden.

³ *Vide* "History of Freemasonry in Maryland." Schultz, Baltimore, 1884, Vol. 1, p. 126.

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Bro. William Forrester (Lodge No. 6) chosen Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Charles Gardiner (Lodge No. 34) appointed Grand Secretary.

Bro. William Perry (Lodge No. 34) chosen Grand Treasurer.

The Rev. Bro. William Smith was thanked for his trouble, and for a sermon preached upon the occasion.

The Lodges participating in the above convention were No. 6, Georgetown, No. 7, Chestertown, No. 17, Chester Mill, No. 29 Cambridge, and No. 34, Talbot Court House.

This new Grand Lodge failed to become a permanent organization. The proceeding was brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, September 1783. April 16, 1784, an application was made for a Grand Warrant, but for some reason the matter lapsed, and no further meetings were held for almost three years.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, June 17, 1784, the Lodge was not represented, but sent a letter to the R. W. Grand Master signed by Samuel Earle, Secretary of the Lodge, enclosing £3 in part for dues, and notified the Grand Lodge that four more members had been expelled:

“THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA,

“*Brother*: The Summons or Notices inserted in the Freeman’s Journal of the 4th of June past for a quarterly communication of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 17th June coming, came so late to our view that we find it impossible, and very inconvenient to attend. You have no doubt had proper notice of the Intention of the brethren on the Eastern Shore of Maryland separating themselves from the Grand Lodge, the brethren of Lodge No. 6 entered into this scheme as they now think prematurely, & have on due deliberation determined that

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such a measure wou'd be impolitic, illegal & inexpedient. We have the pleasure to enclose £3 in part of our quarterly returns.

"Signed by order of

Lodge No. 6

"SAML. EARLE, *Sec'r.*

"The names mentioned below are
late brethren expelled Lodge No. 6

Alexander Stuart

William Rasin

Benjamin Dawson, jun'r.

John Hart, jun'r.

"Lodge No. 6 Lodge Room, George Town,
June 14, 1784."

During December, 1785, the Lodge received a Circular Letter from the Grand Lodge, expressive of the Intention of the Grand Lodge to erect a new building on the Dean bequest at the S. W. corner of Walnut and Twelfth Streets, to be styled "The Grand Lodge House of Pennsylvania" and requesting a subscription, to be opened by the Subordinate Lodges in order to enable them to execute their Design. The following letter was sent by the Lodge in reply to this request for a contribution:

"*Brother,*

I am directed by the Master and brethren of Lodge No. 6 to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 7th of December past. I am also directed to inform you that several circumstances combine to render it altogether impossible for them to render the Grand Lodge the ask'd for assistance, notwithstanding they have the subject exceedingly at heart. Lodge No. 6 has of late borne the weight of many difficulties, and their Finances in Consequence thereof is at this time at so low Ebb that the common Expenses of the Lodge can scarce be supported. However they wish for the Sake of Masonry in general that the undertaking may be carried with

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success, and that at some future day when affairs again brighten up all the assistance in their power may be expected.

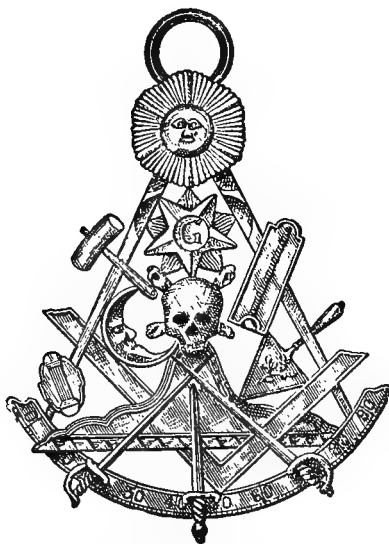
“Signed by order

“ROBERT HODGSON, *Sec'y.*

“George Town,
March 6th, 1786.”

This is the last communication received from Lodge No. 6.

When the Grand Lodge of Maryland was finally formed, April 17, 1787, and the original warrants were surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, our old Lodge No. 6, on the Sassafras River, became No. 1 under the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Its existence, however, under the new order was but of short duration; it ceased in 1793. Nothing is known of its history under the new regime.

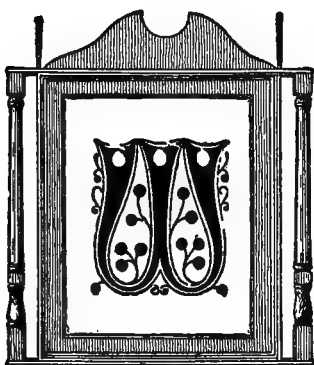


ANCIENT MARYLAND JEWEL.



CHAPTER XI.

LODGE NO. 7, A. Y. M., HELD AT CHESTERTOWN (KENT COUNTY), MARYLAND.



ARRANT No. 7 was granted to a number of Brethren in Kent County, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland by the Provincial Grand Lodge, but little is known of the early history of this Lodge; even the copy of the original warrant is missing, so the actual date of its issue cannot be given to a certainty, but it must have been in the

month between May 23 and June 24, 1766.

The place where the Lodge was to be held was at Chestertown, a flourishing settlement, the County Seat of Kent County, Maryland; it is on the right bank of the Chester River at the head of navigation, about 25 miles from its entrance into the Chesapeake Bay, and 55 miles by water east of Baltimore. Boats plied regularly between Baltimore and this place.

Unfortunately no minutes, records, reports or list of members of this Lodge are known to exist. That the Lodge during provincial days was a more or less active one, is shown by

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part it took in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. All of our information in regard to its history is based on our Grand Lodge records subsequent to July 29, 1779.

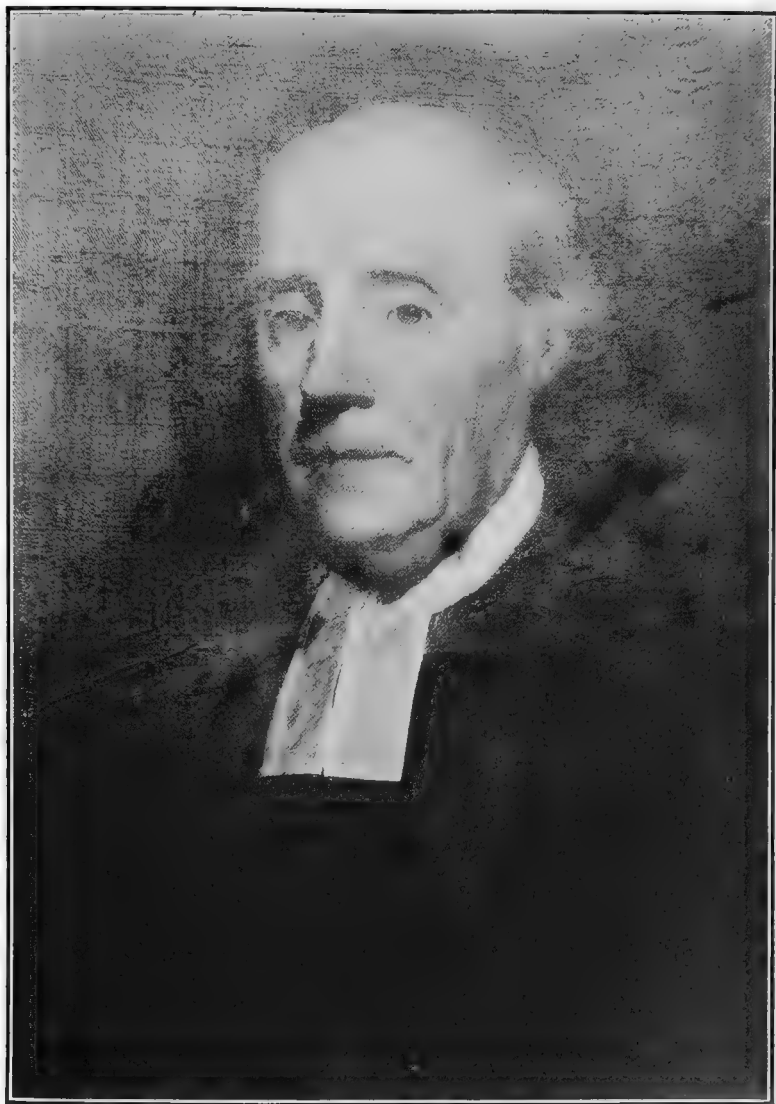
It was to Chestertown where the Rev. William Smith, D.D., the Grand Secretary, came in 1779, after he lost the Provostship of the College at Philadelphia, and became the Rector of the Episcopal Church there, founding at that place an academy with a few pupils. He became Principal of it, and in a short time one hundred and forty scholars were in attendance. He then applied to the Legislature of Maryland for a charter, erecting this Academy into a College, to be called Washington College, which was chartered in the spring of 1782.¹

At the same time, Dr. Smith became an active factor in Masonic affairs on the Eastern Shore of Maryland as has already appeared in the history of Lodge No. 6.²

The Rev. Bro. William Smith, was one of the Most prominent Masons of the original Grand Lodge of the "Moderns" in Pennsylvania, having served for many years as Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain. After Philadelphia came again, into the possession of the Patriot forces, and an attempt was made to bring order out of the chaos, into which the Fraternity had fallen, within the past two years, owing to the interrupted Communications of the Grand Lodge of "Ancients," by the occupation of Philadelphia by the British, and the loss and destruction of many of our records, the Rev. Bro. William Smith was appealed to, by Grand Master William Ball, and other members of the Grand Lodge of "Ancients," to transfer his fealty, from the "Moderns" to the "Ancients," and assume the same duties, which he had so long filled in the older Grand Lodge.

¹ For a full account of the Rev. Bro. Smith's activity in Chestertown, see "Life of Wm. Smith, D.D.," Vol. 2, Philadelphia, 1880.

² Chapter X, *supra*, p. 189.



REV. BRO. WILLIAM SMITH, D.D.

B. ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND, 1727. D. PHILADELPHIA, MAY 14, 1803.

GRAND CHAPLAIN "MODERNS," 1755. GRAND SECRETARY "ANCIENTS," 1779-1784.

The Rev. William Smith, D.D.

Thus far nothing was known, how or when or under what conditions this affiliation with the "Ancients" took place. The finding of a partially faded sheet of paper among our Archives, gives us some light upon the subject. This old paper proved to be the rough minutes of a Grand Lodge, held on Saturday evening, December 26, 1778, for the purpose of healing the Rev. Bro. Smith, so that he could walk in the procession with the Brethren and Bro. Gen. Washington on the following Monday, St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1778, falling on Sunday.³

Following is a *Verbatim* copy of this old paper.⁴

"Philadelphia 26th December 1778

"Extra Lodge open'd by Order of the R. Worshipful G: M. Present.

"Members Present

Visitors

Bro William Ball, Grand Master	Lewes Farmer
" John Howard S. G. W.	Jas. Wilson
" John Coats M: in the Chair	M. Ryan
" Thos. Proctor S. W.	Wm Thompson
" Thomas Dewees J. W. P. Tem	Geo Hoffner
" Jacob Howel S. D. do	
" Geo. Nagel J. D. do	
" Pat. Duffey, Secretary do	
" Geo. Noarth	
" Whithead	
" — Melcher	

"A fellow Crafts Lodge being opened Brother William Smith was pass'd to a fellow Craft, the Crafts Lodge being closed, A Master's Lodge was open'd when by a dispensation from the Grand Master, Brother William Smith afforsaid was Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, After which agreeable to Custom, Brother Smith Returned thanks to the Lodge.

"The Lodge Closed in Good Harmony at 9 o'Clock."

³ *Vide* "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. 301 *et seq.*

⁴ MSS., Vol. 164, p. 50.

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When political conditions had again become more or less settled in Philadelphia after the British invasion, the Provincial Grand Lodge held Communications July 29 and October 22, 1779; at the latter, the Rev. Bro. William Smith, D.D., was requested to act as Grand Secretary pro tem. till the Grand Lodge shall meet in General Communication, and "prepare circular Letters to the different Lodges requesting each of them to attend by their Officers with their Warrant, Books and Dues on a certain Day."

In pursuance of the above appointment, the following Circular Notice was sent to the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge:

"The Wthfull Master and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge No — are requested to meet the R. W. Grand Master at Philad^a., on the 20th. day of Dec^r., at which time he proposes to hold a General Communication of all the Lodges under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, agreeable to the late Resolve of a Grand Lodge held in this City to chuse Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in conformity to the ancient and laudable usage of the hon. fraternity of *free and accepted Masons*. At which time you are directed to produce your Warrant and Book of transactions and to pay all acknowledgments due from you to this Grand Lodge.—By order &c.

"WM. SMITH, G. Sec."

The officers of Lodge No. 7 evidently paid no attention to above circular, and the Lodge was not represented at any of the Communications held thus far. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency January 7, 1780, a letter was received from the Lodge, and read, which was deemed satisfactory for their neglect of attendance at the last General Communication. At the Grand Quarterly Communication, December 18, 1780, the Lodge was represented, but made no return, nor did it offer to take any of the new Constitutions.⁵

Three years later, when the abortive attempt was made by

⁵ *Vide* p. 156, *supra*.

Letters to the Grand Lodge

Lodges 6, 7, 29, 34 and 37 to form an independent Grand Lodge for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, we find Grand Secretary Smith and Past Deputy Grand Master Dr. John Coats, who had also taken up his residence on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, both active factors in the movement.

At the Quarterly Communication, September 29, 1783, a letter was received from Bro. John Coats, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, informing him of several Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, forming themselves into a Grand Lodge, and requesting this Lodge to Concur in the same.

This was followed by a letter to the Grand Lodge from the Rev. Dr. William Smith, early in April, 1784, setting forth the facts of their efforts to establish an independent Grand Lodge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

This letter was read before the Grand Lodge, April 16, 1784, as follows:⁶

“CHESTER, KENT COUNTY MARYLAND Ap^r. 5th 1784

“*Dear Sir*

“As this will be delivered by our worthy *Brother Coates*, I need not be particular concerning the Business of the Maryland Lodges, now before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania I am one of *four* who are appointed to negotiate that Business with our Pennsylvania Brethren; but I cannot have the Pleasure to accompany Brother Coates at present. You know my Sentiments so well, that it is needless to add any Thing in Writing. The strict Rules of the Grand Lodge were, from Necessity, justly dispens’d with when you went beyond the Bounds of Pennsylvania, to constitute a number of private Lodges in Maryland, to prevent false Brethren from injuring the Craft. The same Necessity will justify the Grand Lodge in giving their warrant and Saction to the said Maryland Lodges for working together as a Grand Lodge, since it is impracticable for them to attend, according to *Rule* at Philad^a. And your authority is as competent, to collect a Number of private Lodges into one *Grand Lodge* as it was to constitute these private Lodges at first. These were my sentiments when I was an officer in the Grand Lodge,

⁶Original letter in Grand Lodge Archives, MSS., Vol. C, folio 31.

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& doing the best Service in my Power in Collecting & publishing their Rules in one Body, & with their full approbation. I now write only as a *private Member*, which I suppose I am become, agreeably to your Nomination of another to succeed me. Either in a *private* or public Capacity, I hope I shall always approve myself, your faithful Brother & obed^t servant

“WILLIAM SMITH

“Right Worshipful William Adcock Esq^r }
Grand Master of Masons, Pennsylv^a. — }
To be communicated —”

After this letter had been read at Lodge of Emergency April 16, 1784, Bro. Coats produced a copy of the Minutes of the Grand Convention held in Maryland, wherein they resolved unanimously, that application be made to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a warrant to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge, viz.:⁷

“A Lodge was opened in due form in Chester town agreeable to the adjournment, the weather & Season prevented some Brethren from attending in Consequence of which a Grand Convention could not held: the following Brethren were present. 18th. Decemb^r. 5783.

Br. John Coats G. M. Elect

Br. Thomas Bourke G. S. W. Elect & M. of N^o. 29

Br. Edward Warrell, M. of Lodge N^o. 7

Br. John Noodlas M. of Lodge N^o. 34

Br. Will^m. Bordly P. M. of Lodge N^o. 7 & S. W. p. t.

Br. John Stevans, S. W. of Lodge N^o. 29

Br. Hugh Deplessis G. S^r. p. t.

Br. Arthur Miller from N^o. 7

Br. Tobias Ashmore from do.

Br. Samuel Kerr, from do.

our Rev. Br. Will^m. Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

“The R. W. Master Elect laid before the Lodge his Correspondence with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania which was unanimously approved.

“The Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o’clock & closed in good harmony

“HUE DUPLESSIS G. S. p. t.

⁷ MSS., Vol. C, folio 27.

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"friday 19th. Decemb^r. 5783 Lodge met & open in due form
Members present.

B^r. John Coats, G. M. Elect

B^r. Thomas Bourke, G. S. W. Elect & M. of Lodge N^o. 29

B^r. Edward Warrell, M. of Lodge N^o. 7

B^r. John Noodlas M. of Lodge N^o. 34

B^r. Will^m. Bordly P. M. of Lodge N^o. 7 & S. W. p. t.

B^r. Robert Maxwell M. of Lodge N^o. 6

B^r. John Stevans, S. W. of Lodge N^o. 29

B^r. Huë Duplessis Secr^{ty}. p. t.

B^r. John Watkins from N^o. 9

our Rever^d. B^r. Will^m. Smith Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge
of Pennsylvania

"the Correspondence between the R. W. Master Elect & the Grand
Lodge of Pennsylvania was Communicated to B^r. Maxwell M. of
Lodge N^o. 6 & approved by him.

"B^r. Will^m. Smith was Requested to represent N^o. 37, the Master
of that Lodge was taken ill on his way up to this meeting & oblig'd
to return & Desir'd B^r. Bourke to act for his Lodge, who Request'd
B^r. Smith to represent Lodge N^o. 37. 5 Lodges being Represented,
the Grand Convention was form'd.

"Resolved unanimously by the represent'd Lodges that they are
willing to pay their arrears to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to
the day of the first Grand Convention at talbot Court House.

"Resolved unanimously, that application shall be made to the
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a warrant to Constitute ourselves
into a Grand Lodge, & that in case of Refusal, we think we have
power to form a Grand Lodge within ourselves.

"Resolved, that the different Lodges be Recommend'd to have their
arrears ready to be sent up to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by
a Committee consisting of the following Brethren; the R. W. Master
Elect, the Rev^d. B^r. Will^m. Smith, B^r. Thomas Bourke, B^r. Robert
Maxwell who are to settle with the Grand Lodge, & negotiate the
Business of the Warrant.

"Resolved, that Cambridge shall be the next place of meeting, &
that the 17th day of June shall be the day at 10 o'clock in the morn-
ing. The Grand Convention closed in Good Harmony

"HUË DUPLESSIS G. S^r. p. t."

Brother Coats also informed the Grand Lodge that he was
appointed, together with three other Brethren, to negotiate

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the business respecting the Warrant and payment of the Arrears due from the different Bodies forming the Convention, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. A committee was then appointed to enquire whether this Grand Lodge has power and authority to grant a Warrant to form another Grand Lodge, and make report thereof at the next Quarterly Communication; for which purpose they are to be furnished with all necessary books and papers.

The Maryland Brethren then resolved that a meeting should be called at Cambridge, June 17, 1784, for which summonses were issued, but for some reason there was no meeting on that day, nor was there any meeting held by this Grand Convention, as far as records show, until nearly three years subsequent.

Although the Grand Convention failed to meet, the Subordinate Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, according to Schultz, maintained their organization, but evidently considered their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania severed, as they were not thenceforth represented in that body.⁸

This statement is evidently in error, at least so far as Lodge No. 7 is concerned, as the following letters show, one of which was sent in reply to the circular letter sent out under date of December 7, 1785, asking the different Lodges for a subscription toward building a Grand Lodge House in Philadelphia. This letter was read at the Quarterly Communication, June 12, 1786.⁹

“CHEST^t TOWN March 27, 5786.

“*Beloved:*

“Be pleased to assure the R. W. Grand Lodge, that Lodge N^o. 7 would with the utmost Chearfulness, contribute handsomely towards building an House for the R. W. G. Lodge, was it in their Power.

⁸“History of Freemasonry in Maryland,” Vol. 1, p. 120 *et seq.*

⁹Original in Grand Lodge Library, MSS., Vol. O, paquet 78, folio 13.

Circular Letter from the Grand Lodge

But, having for above a year past had no Initiations to assist them till very lately, and being but a few Number, the Funds at present are very low, and there was an heavy Drain upon them in January last to pay the Funeral Charges &c. of a late very worthy Brother, on whom Fortune has frowned

“Should it be in the Power of N^o. 7 some time hence, while your good Work is going on, to send any thing worth acceptance the R. W. G. Lodge may depend it will be done with Pleasure, as all the members highly approve the Undertaking.

“I have also, Beloved, the Satisfaction to inform you, that Lodge N^o. 7 again holds up its Head, and from the Attention Diligence & Abilities of some of its Members bids fair to become a very flourishing Body.

“Five have been initiated since the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist, whose Behaviour to this time, induces a Belief that they will be Excellent Members.

“The Royal Arch has lately been established here; & the *worthy past Masters* exalted to that holy Degree.

“Our Distance from Philadel^a. and the very great Scarcity of Money in this Place has hitherto prevented our sending a Representative to the Quarterly or Annual Communications; We hope the Grand Lodge will consider this our Excuse.

“The Dues of the G. Lodge now in arrear and which may become due from this time shall be sent upon the annual Communication

“I am, Beloved, in behalf of the Lodge

“your faithful Brother

“Signed in open Lodge

“HUGH DUPLESSIS, Sec^y.

“Brother Ashton Humphrys Grand Secretary”

Lodge No. 7 was represented at the Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, but does not appear to have made any report.

At the Quarterly Communication, *held March 27, 1786*, it was ordered that a circular letter be written to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction requesting them, by their proper Officers or Deputies to attend this day, upon the determination of a question agitated in this Lodge viz.: whether

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it is proper for this Lodge to declare themselves a Grand Lodge, Independent of Great Britain or any other Authority.

This circular letter was answered by Lodge No. 7 as follows:¹⁰

“CHESTER TOWN Sept^r. 17th. 5786

“*Dear Brother*

“We received your Circular Favor of the 8th. Ult^o, and at our next meetings after the Receipt, took the same under mature Consideration, the result of which will be discovered fully in the enclosed resolution.¹¹ From the local situation of this Lodge, and the several other Lodges which are mentioned in the resolution, above referred to; after fruitless applications to your Body, to disengage themselves from their Subordination to you; Those Societies with propriety dissolved the bands that united them to you, formed a Grand Lodge, appointed its officers, and organized itself; and all this in virtue of those powers which are inherent in every Society or institution, when their happiness and prosperity cannot be promoted without such a resolution.

“The annals of Masonry are not without examples of this kind, tho’ for the most part separations of Lodges from their Heads have been obtained by the consent of the Superiors, But if any doubt should arise on this point, and authority be necessary to prove the propriety of it, we need only to recur to the resolution on which you formed your circular Letter above mentioned. Having long since anticipated the resolution you are now about adopting, our concurrence with the measure follows of course, and our fullest approbation is obtained. Acting now on terms of the most perfect equality, we hope always to maintain that brotherly affection which has long united us, and which can be continued and supported with more energy on principles of equality than on the principles of subordination and dependence. For these reasons we have declined to send Deputies, or make the appointments suggested in your Letter.

“I am with Love and Affection

“Dear Brother, your most obedient

“Servant and Brother

“EDWARD WORRELL JR. M.

It does not appear to have been read before the Grand

¹⁰ MSS., Vol. O, paquet 78, folio 15.

¹¹ This resolution, read December 18, 1786, has not thus far been found.

Lodge until December 18, 1786, when, upon Motion, duly seconded, it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to reply to the said letter, Whereupon Bros. J. B. Smith, T. D. Smith, Fox and Humphrys were appointed for that purpose.

The original draft of this reply is in the Archives of our Grand Lodge:¹²

"Your Letters of Septem^r. 17th. came safe to Hand & was read at the Quarterly Communication; the multiplicity of Business then before us prevented a second Reading at that Time. It was again taken up at the Annual Grand Communication when it appeared to be the Sense of the Grand Lodge 'that there ought of Right to be a Grand Lodge in every State in which Five or more Lodges exist & can either Personally or by their Deputies attend said G. L.' We have not the least objection to the Lodges in your State forming themselves into a G. L. & are willing to grant a Grand Warrant for that Purpose which we recommend to you to apply for to us or elsewhere as we have been duly vested with all the powers inherent in a G. L. & it may be a means of avoiding a dangerous precedent. However we conceive it necessary that all Arrears should first be paid off & then we shall be on that Footing of Equality mentioned in your Letter. Your L. has promised so to do in your Letter of March last, & we expected you would by this Time have complied with it.

"We have written a Farewell Letter to the G. L. of Engl^d. in the most respectable Terms, & acquainted them with our late resolutions. (a copy of which we enclose) We owed them nothing but Brotherly Affection & Thanks for their past Favors, this Debt we have paid. When your L. & those desiring to associate with you shall discharge their Dues & surrender their old Warrants, we shall be happy in granting you a G. Warrant & in giving you every other possible Assistance & testimony of our friendly attachment & in every interchange of good offices."

In the above letter to the Grand Lodge a resolution is mentioned; this unfortunately has not been found thus far. From the minutes of the Grand Lodge, under date of December 18,

¹² MSS., Vol. O, paquet 78, folio 16.

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1786, it appears that Lodge No. 7, together with Lodges Nos. 6, 17, 19, 29 and 37, declared and established themselves a Grand Lodge independent of this Grand Lodge or any other authority.

From this, it would seem that Lodge No. 19, a Military Lodge in Col. Proctor's Regiment of Artillery, was one of the seceding Lodges. There is an error in the number, which should be Lodge No. 15, which was located at Fell's Point, Baltimore, and was represented at the organization of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, April 17, 1787, their representative, Peregrine Lethrbury, being chosen Deputy Grand Master.¹³

Further, there is nothing to show that Proctor's Artillery was ever stationed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, nor is it probable that this strictly Pennsylvania Lodge would have entered into any combination with these seceding Lodges.

After the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Lodge at Chester-town became No. 2 under that Jurisdiction. The Lodge ceased in 1794.

The two following "Recommendations for Grand Lodge Certificates" were found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.¹⁴

"CHESTER TOWN 17th Dec 1779

"I do hereby certifie that Mr. John Claypoole was regularly entered, passed and raised in Lodge No. 7 at Chester Town Maryland

"By Order of the Master

"JAMES CLAYPOOLE *Secy* Lodge No. 7"

"I hereby certifie that Mr. Tobias Ashmore hath been regularly entered, passed & raised in Lodge No. 7, held at Chester Town Maryland and desires to have a certificate from the Grand Lodge.

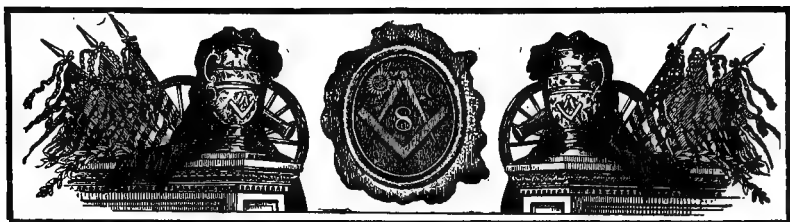
"Chester Town

"JAMES CLAYPOOLE *Secty.*"

6th March 1781."

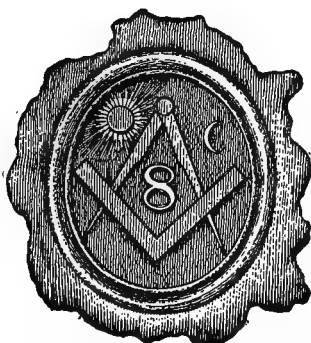
¹³"History of Freemasonry in Maryland," Vol. 1, p. 137, *et seq.*

¹⁴MSS., Vol. J, paquet 54, folio 28.



CHAPTER XII.

LODGE NO. 8, A. Y. M., HELD IN CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, AND ITS PATRIOTIC MEMBERS.



ON the twenty-third day of June, 1766, at an extra meeting of Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., in Philadelphia, three persons, two from Chester County, one from Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, applied for initiation into the Fraternity, as shown by the following minute:

"Several Gent'm. from Philada. & Chester County presented a petition to us in order to be initiated into the Secrets of Masonry in the Antient and Regular way whereby they might be qualified to hold a Lodge in their own Neighborhood, their Petition was highly recommended by the R. W. the Grand Master and the Necessary steps being afterwards taken the Petition was Unanimously received and the Honours of Enter'd apprentice and fellow Craft were Conferred on

"PATRICK ANDERSON¹

"MYRICK DAVIS²

"JOSEPH RICHARDSON"³

Note in Margin: "As this Petition being the Property of the G.

¹ Bro. Patrick Anderson was a son of James Anderson, a native of Scotland, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Jerman, a noted preacher among Friends in the Chester Valley.

Major Anderson was educated in Philadelphia, and taught school for

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Lodge we have accordingly ordered the same to be recommended by this body to the same."^{2a}

some years, but subsequently located on his father's farm, two miles from Valley Forge. He was a captain during the French and Indian War, and at the first meeting of the Committee of Safety of Chester County, December 20, 1774, was named as one of Committee of Observation for that County in State organization, and continued to serve with the State Committee of Safety until March 15, 1776, when he was commissioned Captain in Col Samuel J. Atlee's musketry battalion, which was later consolidated into the State Regiment of Foot, and November 12, 1777, into the Thirteenth Regiment, Continental Line. He was also a Major in Anthony Wayne's regiment of Chester county minute-men in 1775. Major Anderson was in the battles of Long Island, Brandywine, Germantown and many other engagements. At the termination of his term of enlistment, January 1, 1778, he retired from military service and was elected to General Assembly from Chester County, serving in that body until 1780. In 1781, he was appointed one of the commissioners in charge of the navigation of the Schuylkill, and filled many other important positions.

² Myrick Davis [Davies], named as the first Senior Warden of Lodge No. 8, according to one local tradition, born 1723, was a son of a Welsh Churchman, who was one of the first Church Wardens of St. David's Church in Radnor Township. Brother Davis, it appears, was associated with Brother Anderson in some business ventures. These not proving successful, caused dissension between the two Brethren, and ended by Bro. Davis (late of Chester County) being imprisoned for debt in the gaol at Philadelphia. Under date of January 17, 1770, he petitioned the Assembly "praying relief with respect to the imprisonment of his person." This petition was opposed by Patrick Anderson with a counter petition dated February 1, 1770. Both petitions were read before the house, and were ordered to lie on the table. No action was taken on Bro. Davis' petition.

² Bro. Joseph Richardson, named as Junior Warden in the warrant of Lodge No. 8, was born and lived about two miles from Valley Forge on the opposite side of the Schuylkill. He was a man of powerful frame, and, like his two fellow officers, had been active during the French and Indian War. In 1757, he was elected Commissioner of Philadelphia County. He was associated with Franklin, Wayne and William Smith in the scheme to settle Nova Scotia in 1765. In 1773, he was arrested for counterfeiting the paper currency. Governor Penn offered a reward of £300 for his capture. Governor Franklin, of New Jersey, offered £300 more. His property was seized and he became an outcast. During the Revolutionary War he became a Tory and desperado. He was eventually arrested but escaped punishment.

^{2a} "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. 166.



VALLEY FORGE (CHESTER COUNTY, PENNA.).

DISTANT VIEW OF THE HILLS UPON WHICH THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WERE ENCAMPED DURING THE
MEMORABLE WINTER OF 1777-1778.

DRAWN BY BRO. STRICKLAND EARLY IN THE XIX CENTURY.

The Lodge House at Valley Forge

Upon the next day, June 24, 1766, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the three petitioners were made Master Masons in the presence of the R. W. Grand Master, after which a warrant, bearing the number 8, was granted them to hold a Lodge at some place in the northeastern part of Chester County, or within five miles thereof, the location being in the vicinity of Valley Forge, near the "Schoolkil" River, which was the dividing line between Chester and Philadelphia Counties. The Lodge could also be held in the latter County.

Bro. Patrick Anderson was named in the warrant as Master, Myrick Davis as Senior Warden, and Joseph Richardson as Junior Warden.

Lodge No. 8 was the first country Lodge warranted in Pennsylvania, and from the very outbreak of the Revolution was a patriotic Lodge. Every Brother of this Lodge, who was a member at that period, so far as is known, at some time during the struggle for independence served in the army. The meetings of the Lodge were all held on historic ground in the Chester Valley, at Valley Forge, and upon the opposite banks of the Schuylkill, in the vicinity of Norristown. Towards the close of the Revolution, the members set up a Lodge House at Valley Forge, and it appears now that most, if not all, the candidates for admission, as well as the visitors, had at some time been connected with the American army. The exact location of this Lodge building at Valley Forge is not known, nor did the writer, in his youth, ever hear any tradition giving the exact location. The only positive information we have thereof is to be found in the old Minute Book of the Lodge in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.⁴ It is upon this account that it is possible to give a rather full

⁴MSS., Vol. 162, No. 10,978, Pen. Sym., 8.

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abstract of the Minutes of Lodge No. 8 and sketches of a number of its patriotic members.

Little is known of the history of this Lodge during the first twelve years of its existence, as the earliest records we have begin September 14, 1779; we know, however, that the Lodge was an active one, and had upon its rolls many who took an active part in the Revolutionary struggle, as well as in Masonic affairs.

Thus, we find Bro. John Bull⁵ visiting Lodges in Philadelphia at different times during 1768 and 1769; and on March 27, 1770, was present at Philadelphia as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 8, with the following members: Patrick Anderson, P. M., Bros. Persifor Frazer, William Evans, James Martin; and again as Worshipful Master, December 27, 1774.

As a number of the Brethren of Lodge No. 8 espoused the patriot cause and went into the army, and the tide of war during 1777 and 1778 swept over the country wherein Lodge No. 8 held its meetings, the Brethren became scattered, and the meetings could not be held regularly. Consequently, at the first Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge, after the evacuation of the City by the British, of which we have an authentic record, and which was held at Philadelphia, July 29, 1779, Col. John Bull, Master of Lodge No. 8, presented an application, setting forth the inconvenience they labor under by means of the late and present exigencies of the times

⁵ Col. John Bull was a native of Providence Township, Montgomery County. He was a miller by trade. He was one of the twelve members from Philadelphia County in the Provincial Convention of 1775, also of the Convention that framed the Constitution of the State in 1776. He was confirmed a Justice of the Peace in 1778. Tradition states that Bro. Bull is the Brother who nominated Gen. Washington as General Grand Master of the United States, in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on January 13, 1780. The last meeting of Lodge No. 8 that Bro. Bull attended was October 23, 1780. Not long after this date, he removed to Berkley County, Virginia.

A Curious Tradition

having prevented them from meeting for a considerable time, and requesting advice and instruction how to proceed. The matter was taken into consideration, and it was unanimously agreed that No. 8 be again revived, and that the Grand Secretary, pro tempore, signify the same to Col. Bull.

In the boyhood days of the present writer, there was a curious tradition current among the older residents of the great valley. The headquarters of Gen. Wayne, during the encampment at Valley Forge, were at the Walker House in the valley. Two members of his staff were Masons, and regularly attended the meetings of a Regimental Lodge, frequently returning to quarters at a late hour. Aware of this fact, Patrick Joyce and Philip Campbell, two small renegade Irishmen, who were the body servants of Gen. Wayne and Col. Robinson, concocted a plan on one occasion to rob all four officers, quartered at Walker's, of their papers and valuables, and desert to the British. On the night settled upon for the execution of the plot, Robinson and Fishbourne, as was their wont, went to the Lodge, but returning to their quarters earlier than the two wretches expected, somewhat interfered with their plans. Waiting until both officers were sound asleep, they gathered up all the clothing and effects of the sleepers, leaving them nothing but the shirts they had on their backs, and then, going to the stable with their plunder, were in the act of saddling the horses when Colonel Robinson awoke. Reaching for an article of his clothing and not finding it where he had placed it on retiring, he suspected something wrong, struck a light, and at once gave the alarm, rushing out of the house, closely followed by Wayne—*en deshabillé* as they were, with pistols in hand—and confronted the two thieves as they were preparing to lead the horses out of the stable. The guard coming up quickly, both fellows were

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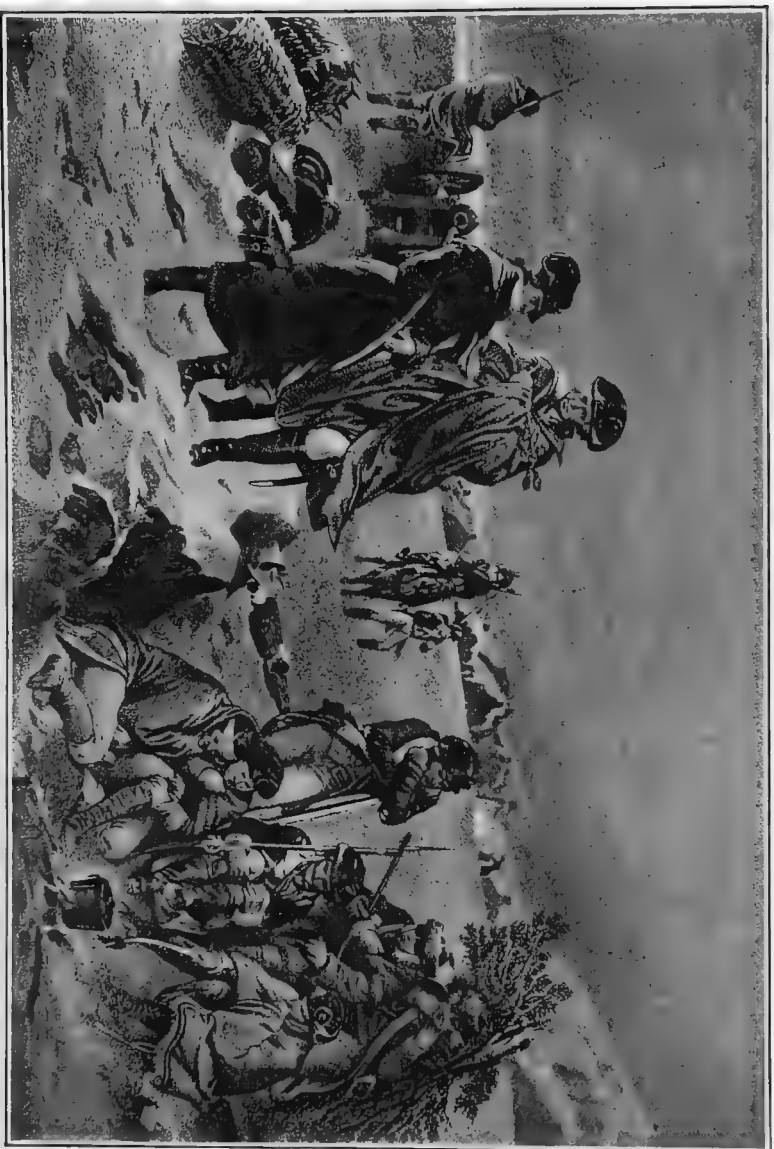
captured. The next morning they were tried, and sentenced to receive two hundred lashes on their bare backs in the presence of the brigade. The sentence being approved by the Commander-in-chief, the well-earned punishment was administered, after which the two vagabonds were returned to prison more dead than alive; shortly afterwards they were released and drummed out of camp, when they at once made their way to the British lines.

Shortly before the breaking up of the encampment in June, 1778, Gen. Wayne gave a grand entertainment and banquet to the members of the Masonic Fraternity; this was held in the orchard, adjacent to the house which he used as his headquarters. On this occasion all general officers, including Washington, are said to have been present. Many ladies also graced the occasion with their presence, prominent among whom were the wives of Generals Washington and Wayne.

The first meeting of Lodge No. 8, of which we have any record was held September 14, 1779, at the house of Thomas Rees. There were present Col. John Bull, W. M., Bros. Thomas Rees,⁶ Persifor Frazer,⁷ Jeremiah Jordan and Fred-

⁶ Thomas Rees, Senior Warden of Lodge No. 8, at whose home many meetings were held, lived in Upper Merion Township, about three and a half miles southwest from Norristown. The hamlet afterwards became known as Reesville, and a post office was established there in the early days of last century.

⁷ Bro. Persifor Frazer, P. M., was born near Newton Square, Delaware County, Pa., August 9, 1736. When he grew up he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Philadelphia, and was one of the signers of the pledge against the purchase and use of British goods when the troubles with the Mother Country began. Bro. Frazer was brought to Masonic light at an early day. Unfortunately the Lodge and date have thus far not been discovered. The chief Masonic interest connected with Col. Frazer is that, in 1756, the Carmack Manuscript Constitutions of 1727 were in his possession, as shown by his endorsement on page 20. This precious document remained in the Frazer family until the year 1908, when it was presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by his grandson, Bro. Persifor F. Smith, of Pittsburgh. Col. Frazer was commis-



ENCAMPMENT AT VALLEY FORGE, WINTER OF 1777-1778.

Lodge No. 8, A. F. M.

erick Wise. The Lodge being opened in due form, a number of Brethren belonging to Lodge No. 4 desired to be admitted as visiting Brethren, viz.:

Owen Faris
Jacob Auld

John Wentz
Michael Simpson

who signified their desire to be made acquainted with the By-Laws of Lodge No. 8 in order to determine whether it would be convenient for them to become members of said Lodge.

It was, thereupon, resolved to hold an Extra Lodge at the house of Thomas Rees, on October 2, 1779, for the above purpose; also to hold a regular meeting at the same place on the third Tuesday of October, in order to choose officers to fill up the vacancies of the Lodge.

There are no records of either of the two above named meetings, nor is there any evidence that any of the Brethren of Lodge No. 4 affiliated with Lodge No. 8, the negotiations evidently not being satisfactory. These Brethren of Lodge No. 4 eventually applied for and obtained a separate warrant (No. 31).

Lodge No. 8 was represented in the Grand Lodge, December 20, 1779, by John Davis, the Senior Warden, when the Lodge was ordered to report to the next Quarterly Communication. The Lodge was also represented at the Emergency Lodge held January 26, 1780, and February 10, 1780, at which Col. John Bull acted as Senior Grand Deacon.

sioned senior Captain of the Fourth Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops, January 5, 1776. September 24 he was appointed Major during the campaign on the Canadian frontier. He served in Wayne's brigade at the battle of the Brandywine. Four days later was taken prisoner by the British. Appointed Lieutenant Colonel, he fought gallantly at Monmouth. Late in 1778, he resigned from the army, and filled various civil offices. He died, April 24, 1792, and was interred in the burial ground of the Middletown Presbyterian Church, Delaware County, Pa.

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The next entry in the old Minute Book is dated May ye 16, 1780, when a meeting was held at the Inn of Bro. Thomas Rees, at which time the following officers were chosen; five members being present:

Dr. John Davis, W. M.
Thomas Rees, S. W.
Isaac Hughes, J. W.
David Thomas, Secretary.
Henry Pawling, Jr. Treasurer.

It will be noted that at this meeting every Brother present was elected to an office.

October 23, 1780, an Extra Meeting was held at the house of Alexander McCawley, to install the officers. There were present Col. John Bull, W. M., Patrick Anderson, Esq., Past Master, Dr. John Davis, Master Elect and Thomas Rees.

The Lodge being opened in due form, Col. Bull, the Master, and P. M. Anderson installed the Master Elect, Dr. John Davis, who, upon taking his seat, installed Bro. Thomas Rees as Senior Warden.

It was also Resolved, that each member pay sixty dollars⁸ toward a fund for the Lodge, £100 pounds⁹ of which was to liquidate the Grand Lodge dues.

November 21, 1780, a meeting was held at Rees'. Present: Dr. John Davis, W. M.; Bros. Thomas Rees, Frederick Wise and Francis Swain, a visitor. At this meeting a committee was appointed to frame a new set of By-Laws. The Lodge adjourned to meet on ye 3rd Tuesday in December. (No record appears of this meeting.)

At the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, December 18, 1780, Bro. Davis, the Worshipful Master, proposed to pay

⁸ Continental currency.

⁹ *Ibid.*

Petition for a New Warrant

this sum in lieu of dues in arrears to last St. John's Day; also that the Lodge would take six "Constitution Books"¹⁰ and make a regular return as soon as possible.

At this Communication, the Brethren of Lodge No. 4, who failed to come to terms with Lodge No. 8, presented a petition praying for a warrant to hold a new Lodge. Whereupon, the Grand Lodge appointed a committee to inquire why they could not meet with Lodge No. 8, viz.:

Bros. Alex. Rutherford, D. G. M., Jacob Bankson, S. G. W., Matthew Whitehead, J. G. W., and Bro. Alex. Boyle of No. 4 and Bro. Isaac Hughes of No. 8.

March 26, 1781, at the Quarterly Communication, this committee made the following report:

"PHILADELPHIA, Jany. 10, 1781.

"In conformity with a Delagation to us, made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, to enquire into the necessity and propriety of granting a new Warrant in this County in the Vicinity of No. 8, after having made the strictest Enquiry in the presence, as well of the applicants as of the Master of No. 8, and being inform'd on the one hand that the Institution of a new Lodge would be extremely beneficial to Masonry, and, on the other hand, that it would by no means be detrimental to Lodge No. 8 or interfere with the Duties and Business thereof, are clearly of Opinion a new Warrant ought to be granted to the applicants, and we beg leave to make Our report accordingly, under the consideration and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands the day and year above written.

"ALEX'R. RUTHERFORD, D. G. M.

"JACOB BANKSON, S. G. W.

"MATTHEW WHITEHEAD, J. G. W.

"ALEX'R. BOYLE,

"ISAAC HUGHES."

The Grand Lodge, taking the above report into Consideration, Order's a Warrant, to be Numbered 31, to be made out, which was

¹⁰ *Vide*, p. 156, *supra*.

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done accordingly, when John Church was install'd Master; Ja. Auld and John Wentz, Wardens of the said Lodge. The sum of nine pounds ten shillings State Money was paid as the fees on the said Warrant.

January 16, 1781. A Lodge was opened in due form at the house of Alex. McCawley.

Present.

Bro Dr. John Davis, W. M.
" Thomas Rees, S. W.
" Isaac Hughes, J. W.
" Bro. Patrick Anderson, P. M.
" William Evans
" Cromwell Pierce

Visitors.

Bro Col. Jno. Bartholomew
" Capt. Alex. McCaraker

The Committee on By-Laws was continued.

Bro. Hughes proposed Mr. Jesse Roberts.

W. M. Dr. Davis presented the applications of Dr. Abel Morgan, Mayberry Jolly, and Dr. Frederic Hamburg.

February 20, 1781. Lodge opened in due form at the house of Alex. McCawley.

Present.

Dr. John Davis, W. M.
Bro. Thos. Rees, S. W.
" Isaac Hughes, J. W.
" Henry Pawling, Jr.
" John Pawling
" Cromwell Pierce

Visitors.

Bro. Col. John Bartholomew¹²
" Col. Caleb North
" Capt. Joseph McClellan
" Thos. Cummings
" Arthur Linden

¹²Bro. John Bartholomew was a native of the great Chester Valley, born 1748. His farm was in East Whiteland Township. He served as Major of the Chester County regiment of the Flying Camp in 1775, and afterwards attained the rank of Colonel and Brigadier General of militia. He was also a justice of the peace and one of the leading members of the Great Valley Baptist Church. He died January 24, 1814, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. A fine monument was erected over his grave in the burial ground of the church.

Doctor Abel Morgan

Committee on By-Laws reported. M. M. Lodge closed and an E. A. Opened—following candidates balloted for and approved: Drs. Roberts—Morgan—Hamburg and Messrs. Jolly and Roberts. Dr. Morgan and Mr. Roberts were entered.

March 20, 1781. Stated Meeting at the house of Alex. McCawley. It is to be noted that the regular day of meeting was the third Tuesday of the month, and the time Eleven O'Clock in the morning.

Present.

Bro. Dr. Davis
" Thos. Rees
" Isaac Hughes
" Henry Pawling, Jr.
" Wm. Evans

Visitors.

Bro. Jacob Auld
" John Bartholomew
" Alex. McCaraker
" Wm. Dewees
" Col. North
" Capt. Davis
" Capt. Ashmead
" Thos. Cummings
" Wm. Moore
" Francis Swaine.¹³

Bros. Jesse Roberts and Abel Morgan were passed.

April 3, 1781. An Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 8 was held at the house of Abel Morgan, and after the Lodge was opened in due form Bro. Jesse Roberts and Dr. Abel Morgan were raised to the degree of a Master Mason; there were present on this occasion the Elective Officers of the newly Warranted Lodge No. 31.

This is the first record thus far found where a Lodge was opened in the house of an applicant to confer a degree upon him.

April 17, 1781. A Lodge by Appointment was held at Alex. McCawley's, at which John Richards, Esq., Thomas

¹³ Bro. Gen. Francis Swaine was a resident of The Trappe, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County. He was a brother-in-law of Gen. Peter Muhlenberg. In 1788, he was High Sheriff of the County.

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Cullen and James Parker, Jr., were proposed by Bro. Thos. Rees.

May 15, 1781. At a Stated Meeting of the Lodge at the house of Sampson Thomas.

Present.

Bro. Dr. John Davis, W. M.
" Thos. Rees
" Jesse Roberts
" Abel Morgan
" Wm. Evans

Visitors.

" Alex. McCaraker
" Thomas Cummins
" Arthur Lindon

It was decided that the three candidates not being particularly recommended by any member of the Lodge, a committee of three be appointed to inquire into their character.

Following officers were unanimously elected:

Bro. John Davis, W. M.
" Thos. Rees, S. W.
" Isaac Hughes, J. W.
" Abel Morgan, Sec'y
" Henry Pawling, Treas.

Also ordered that if Dr. Hamburg and Mayberry Jolly did not appear next meeting their names should be erased. Lodge adjourned until third Tuesday in August.

August 21, 1781. Lodge opened at house of Sampson Thomas at Eleven O'Clock A. M.

Present.

Bro. Dr. Davis
" Thos. Rees
" Isaac Hughes
" Persifor Frazer
" Henry Pawling Jr.
" Cromwell Peirce¹⁴

Visitors.

Bro. John Bartholomew
" Jacob Auld
" John Wentz
" Patrick Hacket

¹⁴ Bro. Cromwell Peirce, a veteran of the French and Indian War, was born in Ireland in 1732, and raised on the farm which was the scene of the Paoli massacre, September, 1777. He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Regiment of Foot under Gen. Forbes, and built a

Meetings in Chester County

Present.

Bro. David Thomas
" F'd'k Weiss
" Wm. Evans
" Abel Morgan
" Jesse Roberts

Dr. Hamburg and Jolly were entered. The Committee on John Richards, Thos. Cullen, and James Parker reported that Mr. Richards desists from further application. Mr. Cullen declines and that Mr. Parker be balloted for, approved and entered.

October 15, 1781. At a Fellow Craft Lodge held at the house of Samson Thomas in Charlestown Twp., Chester County.

Present.

Bro. Dr. Davis, W. M.
" Thos. Rees, S. W.
" Isaac Hughes, J. W.
" Wm. Evans, J. Deacon
" Jesse Roberts

Visitors.

Bro. Caleb North
" Alex. McCaraker
" Thos. Cummings
" Henry D. Russell

Bros. Hamburg and Parker were passed.

Petitions were received from Algernon Roberts, James Morris and Llewellen Young.

November 20, 1781. Stated Meeting opened at the house of Alex. McCalla. Llewellen Young was approved and entered. Bros. Hamburg and Parker were raised. Algernon Roberts was approved. Three dozen sheep skins were bought for the use of the Lodge; also that every Brother should supply himself with an apron.

fort at Shamokin, Pa. In the patriot army he was appointed Major, May 6, 1777, and on May 20, 1779, Colonel of the Fifth Battalion of Chester County Militia. He died August 4, 1794, and is buried in the family row in the yard at St. Peter's Great Valley Episcopal Church.

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December 18, 1781. Lodge met at house of Sampson Thomas. James Morgan approved and entered.

No work in January meeting and no record of the February meeting.



March 19, 1782. Robert Parker applied for initiation.

April 16, 1782. A Stated Meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Thompson in Norriton. Bros. Young and Morris were passed. Robert Parker was approved.

May 21, 1782. Stated Meeting at house of Mrs. Thompson.¹⁵ Bros. Young and Morris were raised. An election was held for Officers: viz: Bro. John Davis, W. M., Thos. Rees, S. W., Henry Pawling, J. W., Jas. Morris, Sec'y, William Evans, Treas. The W. M. John Davis, Jas. Parker and Llewellyn Young paid their dues to the present time. Lodge closed and adjourned to the third Tuesday in August.

August 20, 1782. Lodge at house of Mrs. Thompson.

Present.

Bro. John Davis, W. M.

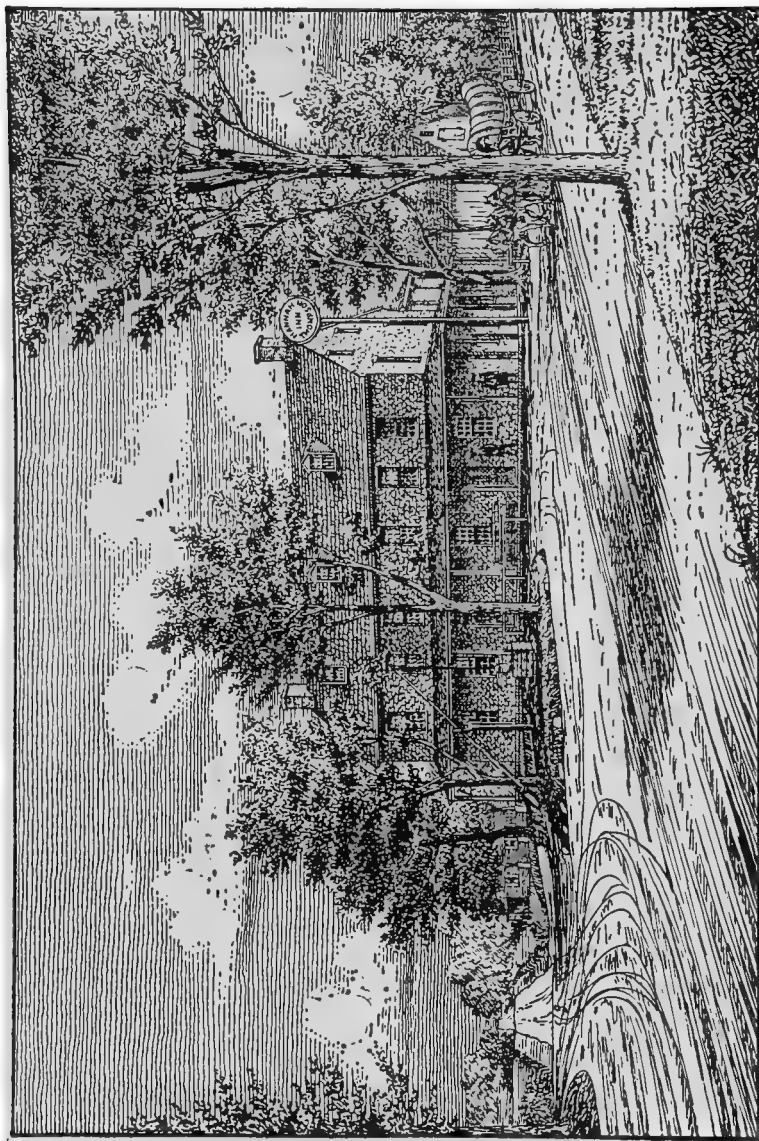
Visiting Bro. Jacob Auld S. W.

“ “ John Wentz¹⁶

¹⁵ Hannah Thompson's Inn. This old Revolutionary landmark is still standing, and is now known as the *Jeffersonville Inn*. It is about two miles from Norristown on the Ridge Pike, leading from Philadelphia to Reading, at the intersection of the Egypt Road leading to Valley Forge and beyond. The probable reason why this inn was a favorite meeting place of the Brethren of Lodge No. 8 was because her husband, who died November 1, 1779, had been a Colonel in the American Army, and upon that account, the British burned her property in September, 1777.

¹⁶ Bro. John Wentz, named as Master in Warrant No. 31, kept the “*Rising Sun*” Inn on the Skippack Road at Centre Square, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County. This public house was also known far

Hannah Thompson's Inn



HANNAH THOMPSON'S INN, ON THE RIDGE ROAD, ABOVE NOBBLISTOWN. A MEETING PLACE OF LODGE NO. 8.

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Present.

Visiting Bro. John Bartholomew

“ “ Darrach

Bros. Young and Parker

Mr. Robert Parker was approved and Entered.

August 24, 1782. An Extra Lodge was held at same place, when Bro. Robert Parker, being under the necessity of going Abroad, was passed and Raised.

October 15, 1782. A meeting of the Lodge at Mrs. Thompson's. Present: Bros. Davis, Rees, Pawling, Morris. John Richards was approved and entered. The Lodge appointed Bros. Davis, Jno. Pawling and Roberts to finish a room at Valley Forge for the use of this Lodge.

March 18, 1783. A Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 8 was held at the Lodge Room, Valley Forge.

Present.

Bro. Davis, W. M.

“ Roberts

“ Young

“ Jas. Parker

Visitors.

Bro. Bartholomew

“ Cummings

Robert Todd and Isaac Thomas were proposed.

April 15, 1783. At a meeting of Lodge No. 8 held at the Lodge.

Present.

Bro. Davis, W. M.

Bros. Roberts, Young—Jolly

Visitors. Bros. Bartholomew and Cummings

Bros. Todd and Thomas were Entered.

and wide as “*The Wheat Market.*” It was built by Bro. John Wentz in 1762, and at the present time is occupied as a private residence by Mr. John Morris, a descendant of Bro. James Morris, of Lodge No. 8.

Meetings at Valley Forge

May 20, 1783. Lodge in due form at Valley Forge.

Present: Bros. Davis, W. M., Morris, Young, Morgan and Thomas.

Visitors. Bros. Auld and Bush.

This being the time for the annual Election, following Brethren were unanimously elected.

Bro. James Morris,¹⁷ W. M., Thos. Rees, S. W., Henry Pawling, J. W., John Davis, Treas., John Pawling, Sec'y.

June 23, 1783. An Extra Meeting was held at Valley Forge. Dr. Davis in the Chair. Bro. Todd was passed, and having occasion to travel, the Brethren were summoned, a Master's Lodge opened and Bro. Todd was raised. Lodge adjourned until August.

August 19, 1783. Lodge opened at Valley Forge at 11 A. M. Dr. Davis in the Chair.¹⁸ Bro. Isaac Thomas was raised and Davis Kerlin entered.

¹⁷ Bro. James Morris, one of the first President Judges of the Court of Montgomery County, opened December 28, 1784, by Bro. James Moore, John Richards, Henry Shultz, William Dean, Gen. P. Niley. John Davis, P. M., 1799.

¹⁸ Bro. Dr. John Davis was born in the Great Chester Valley, December 13, 1745. His ancestors were Welsh. He studied medicine under Bros. Shippen and Bond, members of St. John's Lodge, and in 1768 established himself in Tredyffryn near the Valley Forge. At the outbreak of the Revolution, Dr. Davis offered his services for the defence of the Colonies, and was at once appointed senior surgeon of the staff of the Pennsylvania troops. Bro. Davis was taken prisoner on Long Island, but was soon exchanged. He continued with the army until after the British evacuated the State. He, like Col. Bull, was one of the most active Freemasons in the State. He was also active in the War of 1812. Bro. Davis practiced medicine in the Chester Valley for nearly half a century, and he never refused a call from any log cabin in the woods or cottage, however remote, without any prospect of pecuniary reward.

His last professional act was one of charity, and cost him his life. A poor woman was suffering and demanded his assistance. He hastened to her relief. The weather was cold, the fire burned low, there was no wood cut short, and no person about the cabin but women and children. The doctor took the axe, threw off his coat and cut some wood, for some

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October 21, 1783. A Stated Meeting was held at Valley Forge.

Present.

Bro. Davis
" Rees
" Morris
" H. Pawling
" Young
" Kerlin
" Pierce

Visitors.

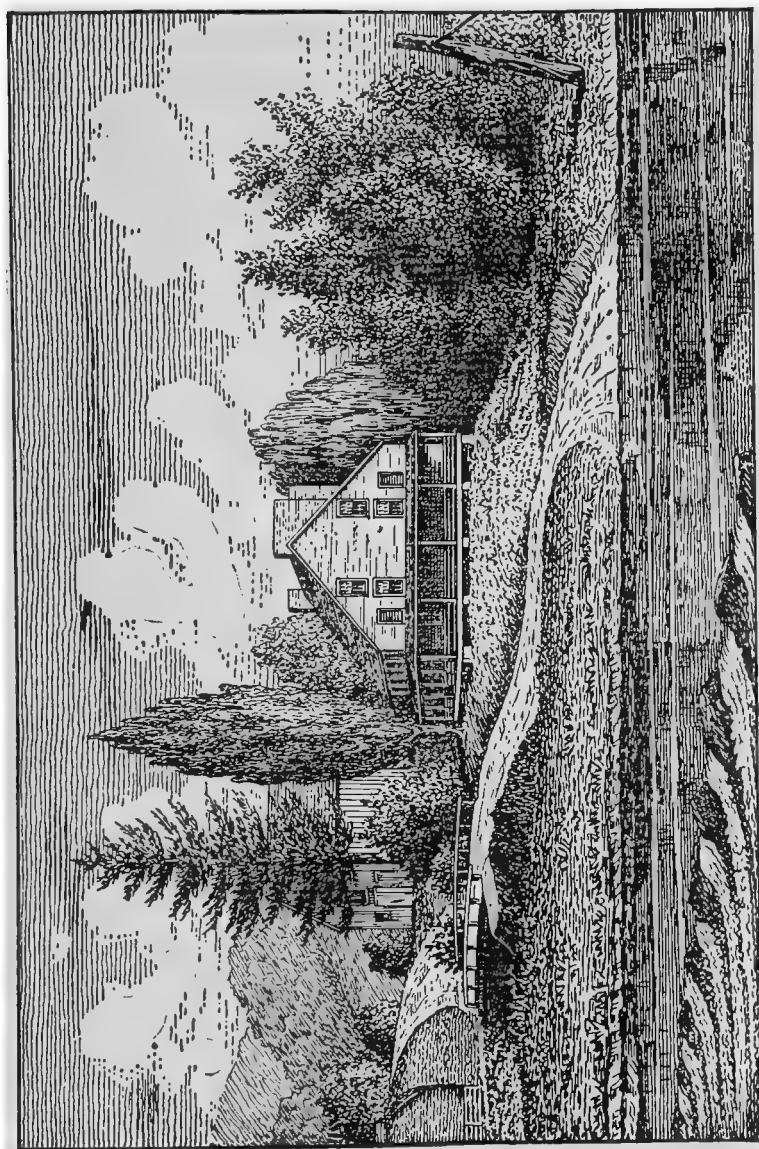
Bro. Wentz
" Bartholomew
" Nelson
" Smith
" Cummings

Bro. P. M. Davis and Bro. Wentz, W. M. of No. 31, installed the Master Elect, Bro. Morris, who then installed Bro. Henry Pawling Junior Warden. After which Bro. John Richards was entered and Davis Kerlin raised.

December 16, 1783. A Stated Meeting of the Lodge was held at the House of Peter Holstein at the Swedesford on the Schuylkill. Present: Bros. Morris, W. M., H. Pawling, Davis, Shannon and Thomas. An E. A. Lodge was opened when Bro. Davis informed the Lodge that it was the wish of several Brethren to celebrate St. John's Day next, so it was agreed to meet at Mr. Webster's at the Sign of the Sorrel Horse on Lancaster Road, at 12 o'clock, and the Secretary to notify the members and such Brethren as would wish to attend. Bro. Rees was appointed to attend Grand Lodge. Evan Williams petitioned to become a member.

No record of any meetings until April 20, 1784. Adjourned to May 19, 1784, when a Lodge was held at Peter Holstein's at Sweedes Ford.

time being exposed to the weather. After attending to his case, he returned home, and in a few hours was seized with violent pains, which soon ended fatally. He died February 13, 1816, in his seventy-first year. In stature he was of good size, finely formed, handsome and expressive face, forehead full and high, hair brown, eyes grey and regular features.



"PETER HOLSTEIN'S," AT THE SWEDSFORD, BELOW NORRISTOWN. MEETING PLACE OF LODGE NO. 8 IN 1783 AFTER LEAVING VALLEY FORGE.

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Present. Bro. Jas. Morris in the Chair—Thos. Rees, S. W.—Robert Shannon—Jesse Roberts—Mayberry Jolly.

Visitors. Jacob Auld—John Bartholomew.

It being the time for the annual Election, following Brethren were elected:

James Morris, W. M.
Abel Morgan S. W.
Robt. Shannon J. W.
Henry Pawling Jr. Sec'y.
John Davis Treasurer

Adjourned until June.

June 15, 1784. A meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Thompson at Norriton.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
W. M. Bro. Morris in the Chair.	Bro. Auld
Bro. Morgan	" Bartholomew
" Shannon	" Adams
" Rees	" Jervis
" Young	" Webster
" Thomas	" Smith
" Davis	" Christy
	" Davis
	" Howell

The Lodge opened in due Form and proceeded to the Installation of the officers, after which following petition was read:

"To the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 8."

The Petition of the Subscribers Members of Different Warranted Lodges Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioners finding it Inconvenient to attend the Particular Lodges to which they Belong are Desirous to become members of Lodge No. 8 if a Dispensation can be obtained from the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge to Hold said Lodge No. 8 in

¹⁹ MSS., Vol. I, paquet 52, folio 31, Archives of Grand Lodge.

Lodge No. 8, A. M. M.

Chester County in the Townships of Tredyffrin & East Whitehead to mett successively in Philada. & Chester Counties.

June 15th, 1784.

JOHN JARVIS No. 2
JNO. BARTHOLOMEW No. 3
JOHN CHRISTIE No. 29
JOHN B. WEBSTER No. 19
JOHN SMITH No. 3
EZEKIEL HOWELL, N. York
Traveling Lodge
CALEB NORTH No. 29
ALEX'R. MCCARAKER No. 3

This petition was approved, and ordered that they be admitted upon their producing Certificates from the Lodges of which they are members.

Adjourned until August.

August 17, 1784. A meeting of Lodge No. 8 was held in due form at Hannah Thompson's. Present: Bro. Morgan in the Chair, Davis, H. Pawling, Young and Bro. Simpson a Visitor. Joseph Price and McAfee petition.

September 2, 1784. A Lodge was held at the same place.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. James Morris W. M.	Bro Peter Muhlenberg ²⁰
" Abel Morgan	" Francis Swaine
" Llewellyn Young	" William Bean
" Mayberry Jolly	" John Wentz
" John Richards	" Solomon Bush
" Robt. Parker	" Benj. Markley
	" Robert McClellan

An Extra Lodge opened in due form. Mayberry Jolly and John Richards passed. Nathan Pawling entered.

November 16, 1784. Lodge in due form at Hannah Thompson's, Norriton, Montgomery County.

²⁰ Major Gen. Peter Muhlenberg.

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Present. Bros. Davis, Rees, Morgan, Thomas, Pawling.

Visitors. Bro. Auld. Nathan Pawling was passed.

January 18, 1785. Present: Bros. James Morris, Abel Morgan, Robt. Shannon, H. Pawling, Jr. James Watmough was passed. The next meeting was held at the house of Hannah Thompson,

May 17, 1785 when a Lodge was opened in due form for the election of officers:

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. Abel Morgan, W. M.	Bro. Smith
“ Rees, S. W.	“ Bartholomew
“ H. Pawling, Jr., J. W.	“ Auld
“ Davis, Treas.	“ Addams
“ Morris, Sec’y.	

Mr. T. Ross was proposed.

The officers were installed. Mr. James Morris paid three Pounds 15 shillings his dues until the third Tuesday in May.

June 8th, 1785. Lodge met at Thompson’s, and opened in due form. Present: Bros. Morgan, W. M., Rees, Pawling, and Davis. Visitor: Bro. Nelson. Thos. Ross was entered. Anthony Cruthers petitioned.

August 15, 1785. An E. A. Lodge opened in due form.

<i>Present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. Morgan in the Chair	Bro. Cummings
“ Davis, S. W. p. t.	“ Webster
“ Bartholomew, J. W. p. t.	“ Curling
“ Young	“ Ross
	“ Auld

Anthony Cruthers Entered. Bro. Thos. Ross Passed.

Regular meetings were held *September 26, November 15, December 20, 1785.* At the latter Lodge Generals Peter Muhlenberg and Prevost were visitors.

Installation of Officers

January 15, 1786. A Lodge was held at Mrs. Thompson's in Norriton. A petition was received from George Smith. It was also resolved to meet at Jacob Rudolph's in Providence Twp.

February 21, 1786. A M. M. Lodge was opened at above place. Bro. Morgan, W. M., Nichols, S. W. p. t., Church, J. W. p. t. Carothers and Pawling, John Rutter petitioned.

April 18, 1786. The Lodge again met at Mrs. Thompson's. Bro. Morgan, W. M., Bro. Pawling, S W p. t., Bro. Wm. Moore Smith, J. W. p. t. John Rutter entered.

May 16, 1786. A Stated Meeting was held at Mrs. Thompson's.

Present.

Bro. Morgan, W. M.

" Rees, S. W.

" H. Pawling, J. W.

" N. Pawling

" I. Thomas

" Carothers

Visitors.

Bro. Wm. Moore Smith

" Auld

On application of Bro. Church, in consequence of a Dispensation obtained from the Grand Lodge, to be installed Master of a new Lodge No. 47 in the Borough of Reading and its vicinity, all the Brethren present, except Bros. Morgan, Wm. M. Smith and Auld, Past Masters mentioned in said Dispensation, withdrew. Thomas Church was installed Master of Lodge No. 47, by virtue of the power vested in said Brethren by the said Dispensation. Petitions were also received from Benjamin Rittenhouse²¹ and Owen Brooke.

The W. M. produced a circular letter from the Grand Lodge

²¹ Benjamin Rittenhouse was a brother of the celebrated philosopher, and was commissioned by Governor Mifflin, in 1791, as one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County. He was a son-in-law of Col. John Bull.

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imparting their wish of separating from and becoming independent from Great Britain request the sense of the Lodge on the subject.

Following Brethren were elected: Bro. James Morris, W. M., Bro. Henry Pawling, S. W., Bro. Anthony Carothers, J. W., Bro. Jno. Davis, Treas.

August 15, 1786. Lodge opened in due form at Mrs. Thompson's. Bro. Thomas Craig, member of a Lodge in Albany, was admitted. The next meeting of which we have any record was held at Mrs. Thompson's *January 16, 1787*. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Moore Smith, Jacob Auld. Mr. Rittenhouse was entered.

February 20, 1787. The Lodge was opened at the house of John Shannon in Norriton—Bro. Morris, Master Elect was installed—also ordered that Bro. Abel Morgan procure one dozen aprons for the use of the Lodge—Petitions were received from Henry Waldgrave Archer and Saml. Baird.

No record of any meetings between February 20 and June 19th, 1787 are preserved.

June 19, 1787. The Lodge met at the Court House in Norristown at 11 O'Clock A. M.

Henry Archer was entered and Saml. Baird passed.

November 20, 1787. Lodge opened in due form at the Court House in Norristown.

Visiting Bro. Auld in the Chair.

Visitors.

Bro. Pawling, S. W.
" Page, J. W.
" Thomas
" Baird

Bro. Smith
" Swaine
" Bartholomew
" Davis
" Moore

A Petition was received from Charles Jolly.

Meetings at Norriton

January 15, 1788. A Lodge was opened at the house of John Shannon in Norriton.

Petitions were received from Joshua Bean, William Richardson Atlee, Esq., Theophilus Foulk and Savitz.

A week later an extra Lodge was held at the same place, when Bro. John Rutter was passed and raised.



BRO. WILLIAM RICHARDSON ATLEE.

February 19, 1788. A Stated Meeting was held at the house of Joseph Page at Norristown. Charles Jolly entered. Petitions received from Mess. Samuel Jago and Joseph Walker.

March 18, 1788. A Stated Lodge of No. 8 was held at house of Joseph Page.

Present.

Bro. J. Morris, W. M.
" T. Rees, S. W.
" A. Crothers, J. W.
" Barker
" Baird

Visitors.

Bro. A. Porter
" Wm. Dewees
" Wm. Ball (R. W. P. G. M.)

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Mr. Bean approved and entered. The Committees on Mess. Foulk, Atlee, Savitz, Jago & Walker not being ready to report were continued.

Bro. Barker applied for a Grand Lodge Certificate, as he was about to travel immediately—ordered that one be prepared. This application is now in the Archives of the Grand Lodge. MSS., Vol. K, paquet 55, folio 14, and reads as follows:

“In the East a great Light and the Darkness Comprehendith it not.

“To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

“We the Master, Wardens and Brethren, of Lodge No. 8 held at Norristown do certify that Brother Robert Barker hath been regularly entered, crafted and Raised to the degree of a Master Mason in our Lodge, and during his stay amongst us hath behaved himself as an honest and worthy Brother and as such we recommend him.

“Done in Lodge at Norristown on Tuesday the 18th Day of March, 1788 and in the year of Masonry 5788.

Witness the Seal of said Lodge

“JAMES MORRIS *Master*

“THOMAS REES, *Sen'r.*

“AN'Y. CROTHERS *Jun. War.*”



SAMUEL BAIRD *Sec'y.*

March 25, 1788. An Extra Lodge was held in Norristown.

Present.

Bro. James Morris, W. M.
“ A. Jones (Visitor) S. W.
“ A. Crothers, J. W.
“ A. Morgan
“ T. Craig

Visitors.

Bro. Wm. Moore Smith
“ Wm. Dean
“ Wm. Nelson
“ J. Rinear
“ J. Bartholomew

Meetings at Norriton

Present.

Bro. T. Ross
" S. Baird

Visitors.

Bro. John Smith
" Alex. Moore
" Abraham Duffield
" Francis Swaine
" Francis Nichols
" Edward Burd

Mr. Jago was approved and entered.

Petitions were received from John Hannum and John Wentz, jun.

May 20, 1788. A Stated Meeting was held at the house of Joseph Page in Norristown.

Bro. Bean was raised—Being the time for Electing officers—following Brethren were chosen.

Bro. John Davis, W. M. Bro. Henry Pawling S. W. Bro. Anthony Crothers J. W. Bro. James Morris Treas. Bro. Samuel Baird, Sec'y. Mr. Atlee was approved.

June 24, 1788. An Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 8 was held at the Court House in Norristown.

Worshipful Visiting Bro. J. Bankson,²³ Esq. in the Chair

" " " Wm. Moore Smith, S. W.

" " " Wm. Nelson, J. W.

Brethren present—Taylor, Young, Dean, Pugh, Morgan, Ross, Kerlin, Bean, Porter, Varnum, Moore, Jones, Davis, Baird.

William Richardson Atlee, Esq., was entered.

John Hannum was approved and entered.

August 19, 1788. Stated Meeting at house of Joseph Page at Norristown.

Petitions received from John Cadwallader and John Anderson. At the next meeting, *September 16, 1788*, the following Visiting Brethren were admitted after Examination. Bros.

²³ Past Master of Lodge No. 2.

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Theophilus Shannon, Isaac Melcher,²⁴ William McDougal. A petition for relief presented by Bro. Isaac Thomas. Ordered that a subscription list be prepared. John Cadwallader approved and entered.

September 18, 1788. Stated Meeting at James Page's.

E. A. Lodge in form

Visitors.

Bro. Abel Morgan, W. M.	Jacob Auld
Visiting Bro. Abraham Jones, S. W.	Andrew Porter
“ “ John Pugh, J. W.	
“ Samuel Baird	
“ John Cadwallader	

Joseph Walker and Dr. John Anderson approved.

E. A. Lodge Closed. F. C. Lodge opened.

Worshipful Visiting Bro. Jacob Auld in the Chair p. t.

“	“	“	Abr. Jones, S. W. p. t.
“	“	“	John Pugh, J. W. p. t.

Present. Bros. Morgan—Baird—and Andrew Porter.

Present. Bros. Morgan, Baird, and Andrew Porter.

Bro. John Cadwallader passed.

F. C. Lodge Closed. E. A. Lodge opened.

Mr. Joseph Walker and Dr. John Anderson entered.

Petitions were received from Mess. Henry Hockley and David Rutter.

December 16, 1788. Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 8 at the house of James Page.

On Examination William Fitz Garald was admitted as a visiting Brother.

Bro. John Cadwallader was raised. Bro. John Anderson was crafted.

Bros. Anderson and Cadwallader paid Bro. Wm. Gisling, Tyler 3/9 each by order of the W. M. and other officers.

²⁴ *Ibid.*

A Grand Visitation

December 24, 1788. An Extra Meeting at Page's.

Present.

Worshipful Vis. Bro. Jacob Bankson, Esq., in the Chair p. t.
“ “ “ Jacob Auld, Esq., S. W. p. t.
“ “ “ Anthony Crothers, J. W.
“ “ “ Saml. Baird, Esq., S. D.
“ “ “ Llewellyn Young, J. D.
“ “ “ Jno. Cadwallader, Sec'y.

Present.

Bro. Thos. Ross, Esq.
“ John Richards, Esq.
“ Dr. Abel Morgan
“ Chas. Jolley
“ Saml. Jerga
“ John Anderson
“ John Hannum, Esq.

Visitors.

Bro. Frederick Muhlenberg, Esq.
“ Col. Andrew Porter
“ Francis Swaine, Esq.
“ Col. Francis Nichols
“ George Eddy
“ Robert Taylor
“ Wm. Moore Smith, Esq.
“ Abraham Jones

Bro. Hannum was Crafted. Bro. Charles Jolley, Saml. Jago and Dr. John Anderson were raised. The W. M. appointed Bros. Saml. Baird, Esq., and Anthony Crothers, Guardians of the new made Masons. Lodge closed in harmony to meet to-morrow evening at the same place—particular business.

December 25, 1788. At an Extra Lodge in pursuance of the adjournment last evening.

A petition was received from Benjamin Morgan, Esq.

Bro. John Hannum was raised and the W. M. appointed Bro. Thos. Ross, Guardian, of the new made Mason.

January 26, 1789. An Extra Meeting was held in the Court House in Norristown.

The Members being summoned in pursuance of a letter from the R. W. Grand Master mentioning his intention (with the other Grand Officers) of Visiting the Lodge on particular business, respecting the Craft.

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<i>Present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Vis. Bro. Smith Master pro tem.	Bro. A. Porter
“ “ Auld S. W.	“ T. Shannon
“ Crothers J. W.	
“ Baird S. D.	
“ Jones J. D.	
“ Ross Treas.	
“ Cadwallader, Sec’y.	
“ T. Craig	
“ A. Morgan	
“ J. Hannum	
“ B. Rittenhouse	
“ J. Bean	

M. M. Lodge opened in due form at 11 O’Clock A. M. and information received that the R. W. Grand Officers were in readiness to pay a Visit. On which the Master sent the Senior and Junior Deacons to conduct them to the Lodge. They were received with a salutation suited to the occasion.

Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq. Grand Master
“ George Ord, Esq. Deputy Grand Master
“ Joseph Dean S. G. Warden
“ Joseph Few J. G. Warden
“ Gavin Hamilton G. Treasurer
“ William Kidd S. G. Deacon
“ William Williams J. G. Deacon
“ Jno. McCrea D. G. Sec’y. pro tem.

After the Grand Officers were conducted to their seats, the W. M. presented the Master’s Jewel and offered the Chair to the R. W. Grand Master, who was pleased to desire the Master still to preside.

The G’d. Master requested to peruse the Warrant and By-Laws, and examined the minutes, then directed a few pages of the minutes read, which was done—then a Lecture from the Chair in the enter’d apprentice’s Degree.

A Grand Visitation

The G'd. Master ordered that, a copy of the By-Laws be transmitted to the G'd. Secretary.

Then mentioned to the Lodge that all the Warrants under the old constitution were about to be called in, and new Warrants granted, continuing the number and Jurisdiction—and requested that this Lodge would take the same into consideration.

Lodge called off for a short space of time—Lodge opened again—when the G'd. Officers withdrew after the usual salutations.

The proposal of the G'd. Master was taken into consideration, and the Lodge agreed unanimously to surrender their present Warrant, and accept a new one of the same Number and Jurisdiction from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Lodge closed in harmony to meet at same place this evening.

At 7 O'Clock P. M. Brethren met agreeable to adjournment.

Vis. W. Bro. Smith, Master pro tem.

Bro. Davis, S. W.

Vis. Bro. Auld, J. W. p. t.

Vis. Bro. Nelson, S. D. p. t.

Vis. Bro. Moore, J. D. p. t.

Bro. Ross, Treas. pro tem.

Bro. Cadwallader, Sec'y.

Brethren present—J. Hannum, J. Bean, J. Walker, J. Anderson, A. Crothers, B. Rittenhouse, S. Baird.

Visitors present. A. Porter, J. Pugh, J. Adams, McClellan.

Entered Apprentice's Lodge opened in form. The R. W. G'd. Officers, revisited the Lodge and presented their Warrant of the same number of our old one which was received by the Brethren with due thanks.

Then the Brethren by the Dispensation of the G'd. Master proceeded to ballot for Mr. Henry Hockley, whose character had been enquired into by the Committee appointed at a

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former meeting of the Lodge and reported unexceptional, he was unanimously accepted, and

The G'd. Master was pleased, on the unanimous prayer of the Brethren present to dispense with that part of our By-Laws, which directs that candidates shall not be initiated at any other time than at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Mr. Hockley, then took his first step in Masonry, and the W. Master appointed Bro. F. Nichols his Guardian.

Then the R. W. Gd. Master assumed the Chair and delivered a solemn charge to the Brethren present respecting their adherence to the Rules and principles of the Craft—then resigned the Chair to Worshipful Master pro tem. who made a suitable acknowledgement with the united assent of the Brethren. The R. W. Gd. Officers and the W. M. pro tem. retired into an adjoining room and installed our Worshipful Brother Doctr. John Davis Master under the new Warrant.

Then the Right W. Gd. Master made inquiry respecting the prison, and was informed that a certain John Cameron was committed for the sum of £4.14.6. He directed that our Lodge should pay the money and discharge the prisoner, which was done immediately by Brother T. Craig advancing that sum on behalf of the Lodge.

The Right W. Gd. Officers took an affectionate leave of the Brethren and withdrew.

Lodge closed at 9 o'clock in harmony to meet at the house of Jos. Page, on the 3d. Tuesday of next Mo. after special order, that the Sec'y. summon all the members to attend at 10 o'clock A. M. to commence business under the new Warrant.

February 17, 1789. A meeting was held at James Page's. A petition was received from Mr. James Bean—also from Peter Keen of Pottsgrove and William Jolly—Bros. Joseph Hockley and Joseph Walker were Crafted.

Expenses of Grand Officers

Visiting Bro. [Wm. Moore] Smith informed the W. M. and Brethren that it was customary for every Lodge to discharge the expenses of the R. W. Grand Officers when they visited, and prayed that an order might be made for the treasurer to discharge the sum of £16.8.6 including the sum advanced by Bro. Craig for the discharge of a Prisoner. Unanimously agreed to.

March 17, 1789. Stated Meeting at James Page's. James Bean and William Jolley were approved and entered.

Agreeably to an order of the Right Worshipful the Grand Officers when they visited this Lodge, the Sec'y informed the Worshipful Master, that he had delivered a copy of our By-Laws to the Grand Secretary, also produced a list of the names of the present Members of this Lodge, to be signed and sent as a return to the Grand Lodge, which was examined, approved and signed by the Worshipful Master.

On inquiry into the state of the fund—the Worshipful Master was informed, that the sum of money ordered at last state meeting was not wholly paid, by reason of many Members being delinquent—It is considered and ordered that the Treasurer, as soon as conveniently may be, transcribe the accounts of such Members as are Delinquent, and lay them before the Lodge, that some effectual means may be adopted for collecting the same.

May 19, 1789. A Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 8 was held at the Court House in Norristown.

Present.

	Bro. Dr. John Davis, W. M.
	“ H. Pawling, S. W.
Vis.	“ A. Jones J. W.
“	“ W. B. Ball S. D.
	“ J. Cadwallader J. D.

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Bros. T. Craig—J. Walker—Jas. Bean and Bro. W. Gisling, Tyler.

Visitor. Bro. Wm. Moore Smith.

Bro. Joseph Walker was raised. James Bean Crafted. Dr. Peter Keen entered. Following officers were elected:

Bro. Dr. John Davis W. M.

“ Henry Pawling, Esq., S. W.

“ Anthony Crothers, Esq. J. W.

“ Charles Jolly Senior Deacon

“ Nathan Pawling Junior Deacon

“ James Morris, Esq. Treasurer

“ Jno. Cadwallader Secretary.

August 18, 1789. A Stated Meeting held at the Court House in Norristown.

A minute from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, transmitted to their Lodge was read in the following words, to wit:

“PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 30th, 1789.

“GRAND LODGE

“The Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the Lodge that a proposition had been made him from Lodge No. 8 respecting the alteration of the form of admission of a Candidate & upon solemn argument Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Lodge that no alteration can take place.

“A true Extract from the minutes.

“ASHETON HUMPHREYS, *Grd. Sec'y.*”

It is considered and ordered that in consequence of the absence of the Master and the majority of the Officers of this Lodge—that no further order can be taken on the above minute from the Grd. Lodge—than that it be recorded by the Secretary for a reading next stated Lodge:

Closed in harmony at 4 Oclk. P. M. to meet at same place the 3d Tuesday in September, next.

Closing of the Lodge

Here the Minutes end abruptly. From the records of the Grand Lodge, we learn that the Lodge was represented at the Communications held *June 17, December 20, 1784, March 27, 1786, and January 2, 1787. January 26, 1789*, a new warrant was granted to No. 8, and *March 30, 1789*, the By-Laws were presented and June 15 of the same year, a list of members was presented. The last representation of the old Colonial Lodge was at the Communication held *August 16, 1790*.

Just why the Lodge closed its labors cannot be told, as no record has been found. That the members, however, living within the bounds of Chester County, were unwilling to be without a Lodge is shown by their application for a warrant which was granted December 6, 1790; its story will be found under Lodge No. 50.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 8 MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES.

ANDERSON, PATRICK.	BEAN, JOSHUA.
ANDERSON, JOHN E.	BEAN, JAMES. ²⁶
ANDERSON, JOHN.	BROOKS, OWEN.
ARCHER, HENRY W.	BULL, JOHN., in Virginia
ATLEE, WM. RICHARDSON. ²⁵	CADWALLADER, JOHN.
AULD, ISAAC.	CAMMERON, JOHN.
BAIRD, SAMUEL.	CRAIG, THOMAS. ²⁷

²⁵ William Richardson Atlee, born May 27, 1765; died November 24, 1844; married Margaretta Wayne, daughter of Major Gen. Anthony Wayne.

He was for a number of years Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and afterwards followed the calling of a conveyancer.

²⁶ Major James Bean served throughout the Revolution. He is buried at St. James' Episcopal Church, Evansburg, Pa.

²⁷ Thomas Craig (Pennsylvania), 2d Lieutenant of Thompsons Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, June 25, 1775; Regimental Quartermaster, July to December, 1775; Captain 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, January 5, 1776; Lieutenant Colonel September 29, 1776; Lieutenant Colonel 3d

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CROTHERS, ANTHONY. ²⁸	JOLLY, WM.
DAVIS, JOHN.	JONES.
DAVIDSON, JOHN.	JORDAN, JEREMIAH.
EVANS, WILLIAM.	KEEN, PETER.
FOULK, THEOPOLIUS.	KERLIN, DAVIS.
FRANCIS, PHILIP.	McAFEE.
FRAZER, PERSIFER.	McNAIR, JOHN.
GERGER, SAMUEL.	MORGAN, ABEL. ³⁰
GRIMES, GEO.	MORGAN, BENJ.
HANNUM, JOHN. ²⁹	MORRIS, JAMES.
HEIMBERG, FRED'K.	PARKER, JAMES, JR.
HOCKLEY, HENRY.	PARKER, ROBERT.
HUGHES, ISAAC.	PAWLING, HENRY, JR. ³¹
JAGO, SAM'L.	PAWLING, JOHN, JR.
JOLLEY, CHARLES.	PAWLING, NATHAN.
JOLLEY, MAYBURY., in So.	PEIRCE, CROMWELL.
Carolina.	PRICE, JOSEPH.

Pennsylvania, January, 1777, to rank from September, 1776; Colonel August 1, 1777; retired January 1, 1783. Died January 14, 1832.

²⁸ Brother Anthony Crothers.

"Died on Sunday last [March 12, 1809] in the 57th year of his age, Mr. Anthony Crothers of this city. . . . The deceased has for many years been an inhabitant of this city . . . he was in the daily habit of doing good. But his means did not keep pace with the philanthropy of his mind. Whilst benefiting his fellow creatures he was happy—possessed of a competency, acquired by honest industry. . . ."—Poulson's *American Daily Advertiser*, Wednesday, March 15, 1809.

²⁹ Col. John Hanum was a prominent citizen of Chester County. He was present at the Battle of Brandywine and with Wayne on the night of the Paoli Massacre. After the war, he served as Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds of Chester County. He died Feb. 7, 1799.

³⁰ Dr. Abel Morgan was a prominent physician of Chester County. He died July 12, 1796.

³¹ Henry Pawling, Jr., was Captain of a company of Associates in 1747, and a member of the Assembly in 1754. By the act establishing the County in 1784 (Montgomery), Henry Pawling, Jr., was appointed one of the Commissioners to lay out the country seat. He was appointed Associate Judge in 1789.

Roster of Lodge No. 8

REES, THOMAS.	SMITH, WM. M.
RICHARDS, T.	THOMAS, ISAAC.
RITTENHOUSE, BENJAMIN.	THOMAS, DAVID.
RICHARDS, JOHN.	TODD, ROBERT.
ROBERTS, JESSE.	VARNUM.
ROSS, THOMAS.	WALKER, JOSEPH.
RUTTER, JOHN., in the East	WALDGRAMBUSH, HENRY.
Indies	WEISS, FRED.
SAVITZ.	WENTZ, JOHN.
SHANNON, ROBERT.	YOUNG, LLEWELLYN.

NAMES OF VISITORS TO LODGE NO. 8 MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES.

ADAMS, JAMES.	CHURCH, THOMAS.
AULD, JACOB.	COSTER, A.
BAIRD.	CULLEN, THOMAS.
BALL, WM.	CUMMINS, THOS.
BANKSON, JACOB.	CURLING.
BARKER.	DAVIS.
BARTHOLOMEW, JOHN.	DARRAH. [DARRAGH] CHARLES. ³³
BULL, W.	DEAN, JOSEPH, S. G. W.
BURD, EDWARD. ³²	DEAN, WILLIAM.
BUSH, SOLOMON.	DEWEES, WILLIAM.
CHRISTY.	DUFFIELD, ABRAHAM.

³² Brother Edward Burd, when the war with Great Britain broke out, accepted the command of a volunteer corps, was captured at the battle of Long Island, and after his exchange, was prevented by ill health from continuing in the Army. He then accepted the office of Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, and so faithfully discharged his duties, that he was retained in it through the various changes of administration. He died in Philadelphia, July 24, 1833.

³³ Charles Darragh, born November 18, 1755, died June 5, 1801. He was appointed ensign in Second Pennsylvania regiment, February, 1777, and 1st Lieutenant, retired, July 1, 1778. He was son of William Darragh and Lydia Barrington Darragh, who is the person known as Lydia Darragh of the Revolution.

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EDDY, GEO.	LINDEN, ARTHUR.
ERWIN.	MARKLEY, BENJAMIN.
FAVIS, OWEN.	MCCLELLAN, JOSEPH. ⁸⁴
FEW, JOSEPH, J. G. W.	MCCLELLAN, ROBERT.
FITZGERALD, WM.	MCCRAKER, ALEXANDER. ⁸⁵
GHISLING, WILLIAM (Tyler).	MCCREA, JAMES, D. G. Sec'y.
HACKET, PATRICK.	MCDANGUE, WM.
HAMILTON, GAVIN, G. Treas.	MELCHER, ISAAC., COL. ⁸⁶
HOWELL.	MOORE, ALEXANDER.
IRVIN.	MUHLENBERG, FRED. AUG. ⁸⁷
JERVIS.	MUHLENBERG, MAJOR GENERAL
JONES.	- PETER. ⁸⁸
KIDD, WILLIAM, S. G. D.	NELSON, WM.

⁸⁴ Captain Joseph McClellan was born in Chester County, Pa., April 28, 1747; died October 14, 1834. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and served until June 13, 1781. He was in the battles of Long Island, Brandywine and Monmouth.

⁸⁵ Alexander McCaraker, Captain of Artillery Company, 5th Battalion, under Col. Richard Thomas, May 17, 1777, of Chester County.

⁸⁶ Bro. Isaac Melcher was one of the prominent German citizens of Philadelphia, who actively espoused the patriot cause. This family consisted of three brothers—Adam, Isaac and Leonard, all active members of Lodge No. 2, as well as of the German Society of Pennsylvania.

⁸⁷ Bro. Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg was a brother of Major Gen. Muhlenberg, both being members of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia. The Rev. Bro. F. A. Muhlenberg, at the outbreak of the Revolution, laid aside his pastoral office, and entered on a political career. Until the end of his life (1801), he was called on various occasions to the highest posts of honor, being a member of the Continental Congress, twice speaker of the Pennsylvania Legislature and Speaker of the First and Third House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

⁸⁸ Major Gen. Peter Muhlenberg, born at Trappe, Pa., October 1, 1746, died October 1, 1807. Bro. Muhlenberg was a member of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia. During the Revolution he was engaged in the battles at the Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point and Yorktown, where he commanded the 1st Brigade of Light Infantry. He was promoted a Major General at the close of the war, before the army was disbanded.

Roster of Lodge No. 8

NICHOLS, FRANCIS. ⁴⁰	SHANNON, THEOPHILUS.
NORTH, CALEB. ³⁹	SMITH, JONATHAN B., G. M.
ORD, GEORGE, D. G. M.	SMITH, WILLIAM. ⁴²
PAGE, J.	SIMPSON, MICHAEL.
PARKER, JAMES, JR.	SWAINE, FRANCIS.
PORTER, ANDREW. ⁴¹	TAYLOR, ROBERT.
PREVOST.	WEBSTER.
PUGH, JOHN.	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM, J. G. D.
RINEAR, J.	YOUNG.
RUSSELL, HARRY.	

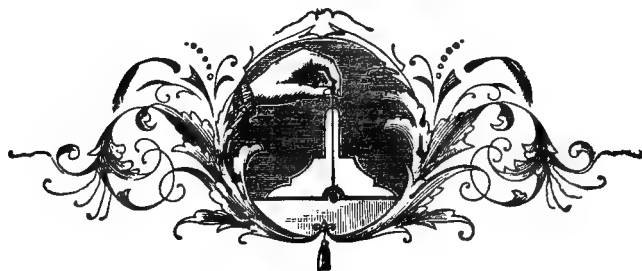
³⁹ Lieutenant-Colonel Caleb North (1753-1840), Captain, Fourth Battalion, January 5, 1776, Major, Tenth Regiment, March 12, 1777; Lieutenant Colonel, Eleventh Regiment, October 23, 1777; Ninth Regiment July 1, 1778; Second Regiment, January 17, 1781, Pennsylvania Line. Member of the Pennsylvania State Society of the Cincinnati.

⁴⁰ Francis Nichols (1737-1812), Captain, Ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Line; promoted Major of same, February 7, 1777; resigned, May 12, 1779; taken prisoner at Quebec, December 31, 1775; exchanged, October 10, 1776.

Major Francis Nichols was the first United States Marshal for the Eastern District, Pennsylvania. He died at Pottstown, Montgomery County, February 13, 1812.

⁴¹ Colonel Andrew Porter (1743-1813), Captain of Marines, June 19, 1776, serving on frigate *Effingham*; Captain, Second Regiment of Artillery (Colonel Proctor's); promoted to Major, April 19, 1781; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, December 24, 1782; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, January 1, 1783. Member of the Pennsylvania State Society of the Cincinnati.

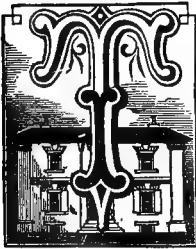
⁴² The Rev. William Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.





CHAPTER XIII.

LODGE NO. 9, A. Y. M., HELD AT LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.



THE ninth warrant granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge was for a Lodge to be held in the Town of Lancaster. Little or nothing is known about this Lodge, as all records of the Grand Lodge, covering this period were lost or destroyed.

From the Minutes of Lodge No. 2, it appears that on July 22, 1766, one Wilton Atkinson, "a Gent from Lancaster," who was a clandestine Mason, came to Philadelphia, to obtain a warrant from the Hon. William Allen, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "Moderns" under the impression that he presided over the "Ancients." But upon finding his mistake, he presented a petition in Lodge No. 2 of the "Ancients," praying to be admitted a member of the "Antient" and Honorable Craft. This petition was read and unanimously approved by the members present, that the petitioner should receive the degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., which he afterwards received, as it was his intention to be one of a proper number to hold a Lodge in the town of Lancaster, which was then the chief inland city of Pennsylvania.¹

¹ "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, p. 168.



ANCIENT MASONIC MARK OF LODGE No 9, A Y. M.
(1766-1779)
OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Surrender of the Warrant

The new warrant was undoubtedly granted during the month of August, 1766. There were three meetings of Lodge No. 2, during this month.

Just who this Wilton Atkinson was, whether he was the first Master or just an ordinary member, does not appear, nor can any trace of him be found in any of the county or church records. A careful search has been made in all of the various departments without avail, nor does the name of Bro. Atkinson appear as a visitor in any of the Philadelphia Lodges, so far as can be ascertained.

The next information we have of this Lodge is found in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, December 18, 1779, when Col. Stephen Chambers,² a member of the Lodge in Lancaster, returned the warrant to the Grand Lodge according to an order formerly made, and at the same time received a warrant for a Lodge No. 22, to be held at Sunbury, in Northumberland County. The surrender of the warrant becoming known, a number of Brethren belonging to Lodge No. 4 presented a petition³ "with an affectionate and honorable Recommendation from the Master and Wardens of that Lodge praying to be constituted into a new Lodge" which was read; "and the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted that a Warrant be granted agreeable to the Pray'r of the said Petition, which warrant is to be numbered Nine—the Warrant of that number formerly granted for the Borough of Lancaster having been call'd in and Surrendered to this Lodge" December 18, 1779, agreeable to the order of the Grand Lodge, dated October 11, 1779,⁴ "and no application made for the renewal

² See Biographical Sketch, "Freemasonry in Northumberland and Snyder Counties, Pennsylvania," by Bro. Frederick A. Godcharles, Milton, 1911, Vol. 2, p. 543.

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 27.

⁴ Original Rough Minutes of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Vol. 164, paquet 52.

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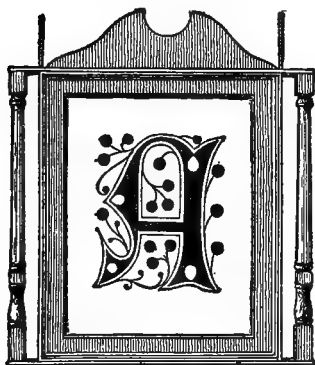
of the same.” The only relic of this old Lodge is a Masonic Mark. This came into the possession of David Copeland, an innkeeper in Philadelphia, who was named the Master in the warrant when it was re-granted to a number of Brethren in Philadelphia, July 27, 1780. This relic is still in the possession of Bro. Copeland’s descendants, with a note that it was of Lodge No. 9, of the *Province* of Pennsylvania. An illustration of this old relic is shown upon the opposite page in the colors of the original.





CHAPTER XIV.

LODGE NO. 10, A. Y. M., HELD AT BASKINGRIDGE (SOMERSET COUNTY), NEW JERSEY.



T some time in the year 1767, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under the Grand Mastership of R. W. Bro. William Ball, granted a warrant to a number of Brethren at Baskingridge, an old Scotch-Irish settlement in (now) Bernard Township, Somerset County, New Jersey. It is about 26 miles west of Newark. The old

Lodge met at White's Tavern, a house that afterwards became historic as the quarters of General Lee in December, 1776, and where he was taken prisoner by the British. The old warrant, however, did not limit the meetings of the Lodge to any one place, but gave, as usual, the Brethren the option of meeting anywhere within a limit of five miles from Baskingridge.

Freemasonry was introduced into New Jersey from three sources: (1) a warrant from George Harrison, Provisional Grand Master of New York, "Moderns," dated May 13, 1761, for a Lodge at Newark; (2) a warrant for Temple Lodge,

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No. 1, in Elizabethtown, granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts "Moderns"; (3) a warrant granted by the same authority, June 24, 1763, for St. John's Lodge, at Princetown (now Princeton); and (4) a warrant granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "Ancients," in 1767 for a Lodge at Baskingridge, and its vicinity—Lodge No. 10.

The precise date when, and the names of the individuals to whom, warrant No. 10 on the Registry of Pennsylvania, was granted, cannot now be ascertained, as the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution have been lost or destroyed.

That such a warrant was issued cannot be doubted, as the number is found on the Register of Pennsylvania, and it is there mentioned as a Lodge located in Baskingridge, New Jersey. The Lodge was represented at the convention which formed the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.¹

The only reference to this Lodge which can be found in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, occurs at the Communication held March 26, 1781, where is found the following entry:

"Bro. Gray informed the Lodge, [Grand Lodge] that he had seen the Warrant of N^o. 10, in the possession of Dr. Blatchley. *Ordered*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write him concerning it." (Under Cover to Thos. Kinney in Morristown.)²

No correspondence as a consequence of this resolution, appears either in the files or upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

¹ Cf. "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey from its first Organization, A. L. 5786," by Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Trenton, N. J., 1870.

² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 39. *Rough Minutes*, Vol. I, fol. 19.

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Bro. Joseph H. Hough in his "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey,"⁸ states:

"The Dr. Blatchley referred to in the foregoing resolution, was doubtless the same whose name was appended to the agreement by which the Grand Lodge was constituted, and was there signed by him as 'Ebenezer Blatchley, Junior Past Master of Lodge N^o. 10.'"

As neither Minutes nor other papers of Lodge No. 10 can be found, it is impossible to state with any certainty, what were its operations and what its success, prior to the institution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. At that date, it appears to have been in successful operation, as the agreement by which the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was formed December 18, 1786, was more numerously signed by the members of that Lodge than by those of any other. We find appended to that agreement the names of two Past Masters, the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, the Deacons, and sixteen of the Brethren who were members of Lodge No. 10, viz:—

William McKissack, W. M.
John Taylor, Senior Warden
John Stephenson, Junior Warden
Silas Stiles, Senior Deacon
Elisha Taylor Junior Deacon
William Leddell, Past Master.

J. Corshon	John Armstrong	Alexander Kirkpatrick
Thomas Gardner	Robert Gaston	Thomas Bullman
Isaac Pierson	Stanton Latham	Peter Davis

Barnabas Murphy

Ebenezer Blatchley, Junior Past Master of Lodge No. 10

James Taylor

John Brittin

Hezekiah Stites Woodruff

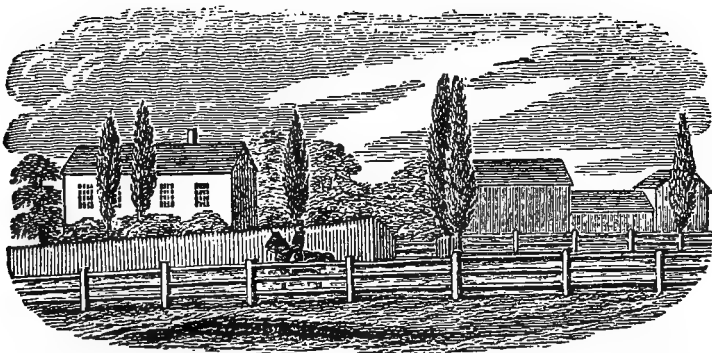
Francis Hadley

Oliver Barnet.

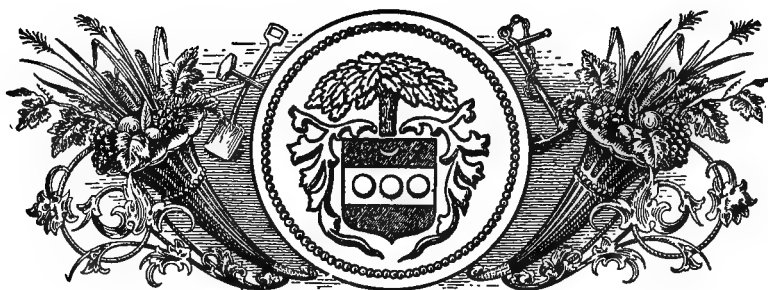
⁸ *Vide* note 1, p. 254.

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This old Lodge was also known as the "Lodge at Bedminister," and to it, by general consent, the number "One" was assigned at the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Trenton, April 7, 1787. The Lodge was also known as "Somerset Lodge No. 1," and as "Solomon's Lodge No. 1."

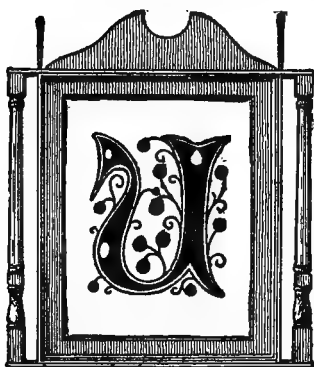


WHITE'S TAVERN, BASKINGRIDGE, N. J. MEETING PLACE OF LODGE NO. 10,
A. Y. M., AND GEN. LEE'S HEADQUARTERS, 1777.



CHAPTER XV.

LODGE NO. 11, A. Y. M., HELD AT NEWTOWN (BUCKS COUNTY), PENNSYLVANIA.



PON the 17th day of August 1768, the Provincial Grand Lodge granted a warrant to sundry Brethren to hold a Lodge of Ancient York Masons in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, at the village of Newtown, or within five miles of the same. This warrant bore the number Eleven.

Bucks County was one of the three original Counties of Pennsylvania, established by William Penn upon the settlement of the Province in 1682, Lancaster County being the fourth County established in the Province, being the next after Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester, which were the primitive ones and were simultaneously created.

In granting this new warrant, it will be seen that Masonic light and charity was now dispensed in each of the four oldest Counties in the Province, viz.: Philadelphia, Lodges Nos. 2 and 3; Chester County, Lodge No. 8; Lancaster County, Lodge No. 9; and Bucks County, Lodge No. 11.

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Newtown, where the Lodge was set up, is a town on a small branch of the Neshaminy Creek, about ten miles northwest from Bristol. Newton was an old settlement, is situated at a point whence roads diverge to every part of the County, and until 1813 was the County seat of Bucks County. The early settlers were chiefly of the Presbyterian faith.

No copy of the original warrant, or list of members of this Lodge is to be found among the Archives of the Grand Lodge. It is known, however, that the Lodge flourished with variable success until the Revolutionary period.

During the early part of this struggle for liberty and independence, Newtown and the surrounding country, also felt the effects of the war, the Brethren were scattered, the meetings irregular, and many of the books and papers became lost or destroyed.

After the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British in 1778, when the tide of war had surged elsewhere, and the Provincial Grand Lodge had resumed its regular Communications in 1779, it was found difficult from the loss of books and other papers to ascertain the financial status of the various Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, and a circular letter was issued, asking each Lodge for arrears due, requesting them to give what they may think reasonable towards the Charity Fund, in proportion to their numbers and abilities.

No response to the above circular having been received from Lodge 11, at Newtown, a demand was made by the Grand Lodge for the surrender of the warrant, under date of November 13, 1780. This was not complied with, as appears by the following letter :

" Bro.

" I Received your Letter of the 13th. Instant which Requested me to deliver up the Warrant of our Lodge to M^r. Benezett.

Vacating the Warrant

"I have Consulted most of the Members therein Concern'd, who join with me in Returning the following Answer

"We acknowledge our Warrant to be Forfeited a Considerable Time ago Since which we have done no Act under that Authority, nor mean to do under the present Circumstances thereof.

"We hope the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will take no offence at our keeping y^e Warrant untill their next meeting; at which Time we mean to set forth our present Circumstances and hope to induce their Worships to Grant us a Renewal of said Warrant. When our present one will certainly be produc'd to be dealt with, as will be thought proper.

"Newtown 30th. Novem^r. 1780

"JOHN ATKINSON

"late Master of Lodge N^o. 11"

The warrant however, notwithstanding this letter, was vacated, and brought forth the following petition:

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER SENIOR & JUNIOR
GRAND WARDENS, AND THE REST OF THE WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN
OF THE GRAND LODGE IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

"The Remonstrance and Petition of the Subscribers

Humbly Sheweth

That in the year 1768, We obtained a Warrant from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Philad^a. to Hold a Lodge (N^o. 11) in Newtown in the County of Bucks—Under which were several Members Initiated, and for some years carried on with Good Decorum, which in part may appear from the Report to the Grand Lodge of R. Wpful B^{rs}. Alex^r. Rutherford & Thomas Crafts After a visit to us the First of Jan^r. 1772, Being the Visit we were ever favor'd with from any of our Brethren from the City—

"After some time our small Number of Members diminishing by Reason of some moving away, And the Confusion which the War Occasion'd, we were induced to Refrain Holding a Lodge, until our Warrant was of Course Forfeited; since which we have done no Act under That Authority.

"We must confess that our Conduct since the forfeiture of our Warrant has the appearance of too much negligence, in not applying much sooner To the R. W. Grand Lodge to be Rectified: But the peculiar Circumstances of our Situation, Render'd it nearly impracticable.

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"We now beg leave to Represent that we are very desirous of improvement in the Royal Art; and are at too great a Distance to join any other Lodge,—Have a Genteel Seal of our late Number and all other absolute necessities of a Lodge.

"Therefore we shall think it a very great hardship to lose all those advantages of improvement by having our Warrant Totally Forfeited.

"Under these Circumstances &c. We Humbly pray the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to take our Circumstances under due Consideration, and Grant us a Renewal of the said Warrant, or such Relief in the Premises as to your Worships may seem meet—

"For which favor your Petitioners will Pray.

"JOHN ATKINSON, JR.

ANDREW M^CMINN

PATRICK HUNTER

JOHN TOMLINSON."

This petition was presented and read, before the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication, December 18, 1780:

"Whereupon it was resolved that the Warrant be renewed to No. 11, on paying all dues, amounting to Four hundred and Eighty pounds, and that untill they have a sufficient number of Brethren that No. 25 Assist them with advice." Two hundred and twenty-five pounds were paid in part of above upon this occasion.

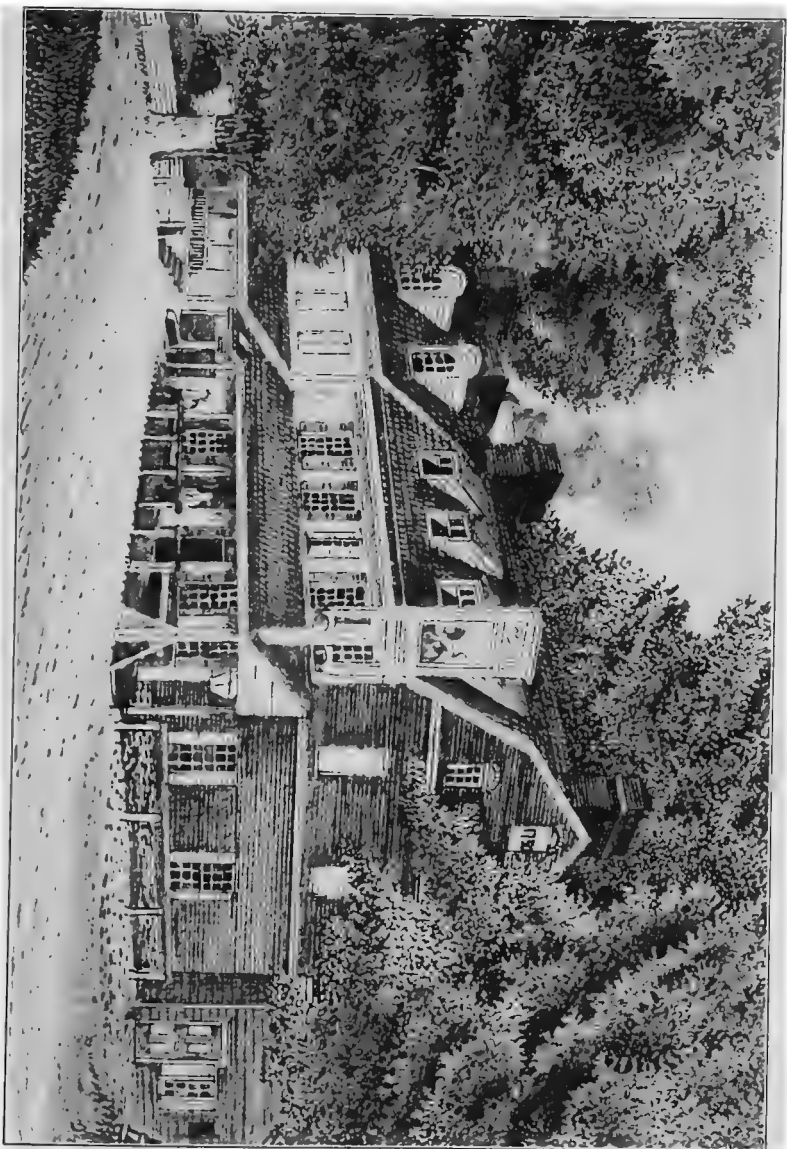
In time for the next Quarterly Communication, held March 26, 1781, the following letter was sent by the Lodge enclosing £300 currency, to go to discharge £225 which they were still in arrears, the remainder, if any, to be credited:

"NEWTOWN, 16th. March 1781

"W. Br.

"Circumstances will not permit any of the members of our Lodge (No. 11) to attend the next Quarterly Communication

"At the last we were 255£ in arrears: Which you will please to



A TYPICAL "LODGE STAND" DURING THE PROVINCIAL PERIOD.

Attempted Restoration

discharge out of the money herein enclosed together with a Quarters dues.

"If any Ballance, you may either send by the bearer hereof, or give Credit for it towards our next dues—Your Compliance will much Oblige your Friend & Humble Serv^t.

"ANDREW McMINN, S. W.

"4£ State money for

"4 Members

"3 entered apprentices not yet entitled to dues"

The reason why £300 were sent to pay £225 currency was on account of the rapid depreciation of the paper currency at that time. While in December preceding £225 currency was sufficient to liquidate the arrearage, it was a question with the Brethren whether after a lapse of three months the former amount of currency would suffice.

The attempted rehabilitation of the Lodge not proving successful, the warrant was finally surrendered to the Grand Lodge at the December Communication, December, 1781, by Bro. Jacob Bankson, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 2, and R. W. Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. The warrant was accordingly cancelled, and, as will be seen in the next chapter, was at once taken up by several members of Lodge No. 2, of Philadelphia, and revived at London Grove, in Chester County.

All papers and records of this pioneer Lodge in Bucks County appear to have been lost or destroyed, except the petition and letter here given. No list of membership has come down to us, although the Brethren in 1781 evidently made a determined effort to keep alive the old Provincial Lodge; but through the scattering of the members, the desolation of the country by the troops of both armies and the financial stringency, their efforts proved fruitless, and the career of this old Lodge passed into history. It was just eighty-seven years after the surrender of this old Provincial warrant

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when a Masonic Lodge was again set up at Newtown, Bucks County, and by a strange coincidence it was just one hundred years since the original warrant was granted, viz.:

Lodge No. 11 at Newtown, Bucks, Co., granted August 17, 1768.

Lodge No. 427 at Newtown, Bucks Co., granted Sept. 10, 1868.





CHAPTER XVI.

LODGE NO. 11, A. Y. M., HELD AT CHATHAM, LONDON
GROVE TOWNSHIP (CHESTER COUNTY),
PENNSYLVANIA.



LONDON Grove Township is one of the older settlements in the southern part of Chester County. It is about 34 miles southwest of Philadelphia, and was originally a part of the 60,000-acre tract granted by Penn to what was generally known as the "London Company" of which grant there were 16,500 acres within the bounds of Chester County.

The road from Lancaster to Christiana Ferry (Wilmington), Delaware, known as the "Gap and Newport" road, crosses the Township diagonally. One of the leading public houses on this highway was the "*Half-way House*," being about equidistant between the two *termini* of that road, as its name indicates. This was the house named in the war-

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rant where the Lodge was to be held, or at any other place within five miles thereof.

The provision in the warrants granted to country Lodges during provincial times, giving the Lodge an option of meeting anywhere within five miles of a central point, was thought necessary during these early days, on account of local conditions. The Brethren were few in number, often widely separated, the roads bad and almost impassable at certain seasons, making it a hardship or impossibility for some of the Brethren to attend the meetings during the inclement season of the year. Thus the option was given the members to select such place within the circumscribed distance as experience and time would prove to be best for the interests of the Craft.

Another peculiar feature of these early warrants was that the meetings of the country Lodges were held according to the full of the moon, and this custom is still in vogue with some of the older country Lodges in Pennsylvania.

The practical working of the movable feature for place of meeting, did not, as in case of Lodge No. 11, have the practical effects intended.

The roadside taverns and inns in early times, before railroads were built, were the meeting places for the citizens and inhabitants on all public occasions, except for religious worship, and as it often happened that there was considerable jealousy and rivalry between the different places, each innkeeper tried his utmost to obtain the patronage of his neighbor, so it was that in a number of cases the rival innkeepers had "Masonic rooms" fitted up in their respective houses, and inducements were held out to the Brethren to hold their meetings therein. The result of this condition was that frequently the Lodge would be convened at the house where the greatest inducements were held out, irrespective as to where the best interests of the Craft would seem to dictate.

Petition to the Grand Lodge

This system, pernicious as it was, kept in vogue for a number of years, and though it proved a benefit to the tavern-keeper, it soon showed itself to be a detriment to the good discipline of the Craft and the morals of the Brethren, and the system of granting warrants with such latitude was abandoned by the Grand Lodge shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War.

The surrender of the old warrant, December, 1781, by the Brethren of Newtown, Bucks County, becoming known to sundry Brethren, members of Lodge No. 2 of Philadelphia, who then resided in the lower part of Chester County, and who were interested in the iron industry located there, at once applied to the Grand Lodge to re-issue this warrant, and grant it to them, under the original number, for holding a Lodge in the Township of London Grove.

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK
MASONS IN PHILADELPHIA

“The Petition of the Subscribers

“Humbly Sheweth

“That they are ancient Masons & Members of Lodge No. 2 in Philadelphia, That they live at a distance from the City, in a place where clandestine masonry is very prevalent—They conceive a regular Warranted Lodge would in a great measure if not totally put a stop to clandestines—They therefore humbly pray that if the Grand Lodge in their wisdom shall think proper & if your petitioners Characters are represented as unexceptionable that a Warrant may be granted to them to hold a Lodge at the half way house, London Grove Township Chester County or within five miles of it.

“And your Petitioners &c.

“W^m. TINSLEY for Mr.

TRISTRAM MOORE

EZEK BOWEN, S. W.

R. McGUFFIN, J. W.

JOS. SPEAR”

“Feb. 14, 1782

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This petition was read at a Grand Lodge of Emergency February 16, 1782, and the petitioners coming warmly recommended, the warrant was unanimously granted and ordered to be numbered Eleven, that number having been surrendered.

At the March Communication of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Wm. Tinsley was installed W. M. and Bro. Bowen S. W. At the December Communication Bro. McGuffin paid 31/4 to the Grand Treasurer in part dues.

One year later, June 24, 1783, Bros. Ezl. Bowen, W. M., R. McGuffin, S. W., and Tristram Moore, J. W., of Lodge No. 11, were present at Grand Lodge, when the Master informed the Secretary that the warrant for their Lodge had not yet been paid for, and at the same time paid the dues to date amounting to £3.2.6.

At the Quarterly Communication, *December 20, 1784*, Bro. Moore on behalf of Lodge No. 11 presented a list of the Brethren, and paid into the hands of the Treasurer £6.10.0 in full for their warrant, and £1.7.6 on account of Lodge dues.

A year later, Dec. 27, 1785, Bro. Jennes produced a return of the members of Lodge No. 11, and paid £3.0.0 on account of dues.

The next item of interest is the return made March 7, 1790, of the officers and members of Lodge No. 11, nine in number, which was received and ordered to be filed. Bro. Richard McGuffin, W. M., upon this occasion presented their ancient warrant, and prayed the same might be renewed, which was granted.

Following is the reply sent to the Grand Lodge upon receipt of sundry copies of the new revised "Rules and Regulations, for the Government of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."¹

¹ Copy in Grand Lodge Library. *Vide* Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, pp. 132-140.

"A True Statement"

"LONDONGROVE

"LONDON GROVE—CHATHAM TAVERN

"Octobr. 17th. 1790.

"Worshipful Brother

"We would Just inform you that we Received your favor the first Inst. with an Impression of the Seal adopted by the Right Worshipful grand Lodge and Copies of their New Regulations Inclosed which we have gladly adopted and hope to keep Strict Compliance therewith our lodge for three years past has been Rather on the Decline by Reason of Several of our best Members moving to the back settlements and our worthy Brother Jno. McKee our Treasurer died and his Estate proved Insolvent which has sunk our Stock & Rendered us unable to pay up our Grand Lodge dues But we are now upon the Recruit again and expect to be able against the next Grand Communication, to pay of our arrearages

"we are with due Respect

"your Hum^{bl}. Sev^{ts}. &

"faithful Brethren

"of Lodge N^o. 11

"JOSEPH SPEER Sec^y.

"Worshipful Peter Le Barbier Duplessis G. Sect^y."



We next have an interesting letter, giving us an insight into the life of the Lodge:

"A TRUE STATEMENT OF LODGE N^o. 11 FROM THE YEAR 1787 JUNE 18th. UNTILL FEBRUARY THE 21st. 1791

"June 18th. 1787 an Election was held and David Jennis was Chosen Worshipfull Master Jonathan Chew Senior Warden Terence Lynch Junior Warden Joseph Spees Treasurer William Cook Secretary William McMinimy Senior Deacon Joseph Deavor Junior Deacon. Now by Reason of Our former Treasurer's Death Brother John McKee Whose Estate Proved Insolvent we Lost Thirty Pounds and the Lodge getting into Disorder, and Members Not attending, The Jewels and Warrant by Consent of a Majority of the Officers and Members was Lodged in the hands of Brother Richard McGuffin where they Lay untill October the Twentieth One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety when a Lodge of Enquiry was Called and Met To see what was best to be done In Order if Possible to bring Our Lodge into Credit and to have a fair Settlement with Each Member,

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accordingly a Summons was sent to the Worshipfull Master David Jennis to attend the Next Stated Lodge with his Papers to have a settlement but he did not attend, Sometime before this he made application for a Certificate but he being in arrears with the Lodge it would not be Granted untill he would Pay Them of he then went to Private member and Persuaded him to give him a Certificate as he was going away and Got it and went away to Boston with Something Considerable of the Lodge's Money in his hands. at this time there was three Worthy Brethren Joined in this Lodge With the Consent of the Old Members Viz: William McCool Lieut. Robert Miller and Capt. James Kelton And has Carried it on untill this time in good harmony and hopes to continue so and Begs that the Worshipfull Grand Lodge will Look with a favorable Eye upon us."

After a lapse of three years, on March 13, 1794, we again find mention of Lodge 11, when the Grand Secretary presented a return of officers and members of Lodge No. 11, and paid Eleven Dollars and 55 cents for dues of the said Lodge.

The next mention of Lodge No. 11, is their return of members up to St. John's Day, June, 1804. The list contains 21 Members, 1 Rejection and 4 Expulsions. The several returns required by the Grand Lodge were made for a time with some regularity, but for some years the Lodge failed to respond. Consequently, at the Quarterly Communication, held September 5, 1808, Lodge No. 11 was delinquent, and final notice was sent to the Lodge that the vacation of their warrant would be acted on upon St. John's Day in December next. This action brought forth the following letter from the Master which was read in the Grand Lodge January 16, 1809, and it was ordered "that Bro^r. Grand Secretary answer the said letter and give the desired information."

"LONDONGROVE

"LONDON GROVE NAIL FACTORY December 16th. 1808

"To the wright worshipful grand master and Brethren of the Honourable grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Brethren and fellow Citizens I have taken up my pen to perform a task too great For

Roster of Lodge No. 11, A. Y. M.

me to undertake, though weak as it may appear before you I trust that it will meet the same countenance and the same approbation as though it had been with greater elegance, hoping that It may not meet with a frown nor a decenting Voice, as the task Is instructed to me by a few well meaning brethren of this Place that hope you will not deal hard with them as there has a letter came to hand that states to us that Next St. Johns day was the time for us to make our Return and Pay off our dues, this my bretheren would be impossible For N^o. 11 to do in their present state therefore we trust that No hard sentence will be for that would injure us and yourselves in our present state for two very unfortunate Circumstances has taken place the one is the Disagreeable Treatment the have received from the family that occupys The house where we meet that has caused the most of the best Members to shun the house & the other was a bad election of Master which you have in the last return, I say Samuel Perry Who Caused the flock to forsake the fold and forget the shepherd So as to leave the place all most Vacant But on St. Johns Day next is a day that has been appointed for a few to meet and form a Resolution to move the Lodge as we have got a very Suitable place within the Jurisdiction of the Warrant. So stand the affairs here and to Call in the Warant wont pay The dues but could we come on any plan to make the treasurers pay the money the have in their hands to the presen treasurer We should be able to pay off and stand on Equal ground as there remain a few that wish to support their honour It will be unnecessary for me to spend much more time on The Subject but trust that you will in stead of Calling in the Warant you will give us Counsel how to act in regard of Treasurers that have of our money in their hands as I think it not right to wright any more on the subject but

“ We remain with respect your Friends and bretheren

“To the right Worshipful Grand Master of the Honourable Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	}	ROBERT M. NELEY W. M. Pt.”
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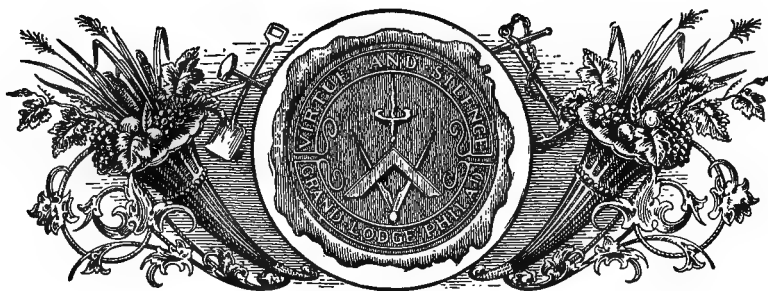
ROSTER OF LODGE NO. 11, A. Y. MASONS, HELD AT CHATHAM INN,
 TOWNSHIP OF LONDONGROVE, FROM THE 24TH OF JUNE, 1800,
 TO DECEMBER 27TH, 1806.

Robert M. NeleyP. M.	W ^m TimleyP. M.
Samuel PerryP. M.	W ^m ThomsonP. M.
James PepelsM. M.	Elisha KirkP. M.

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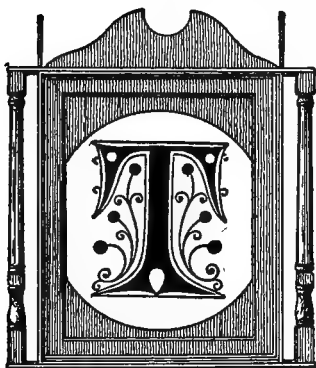
James Devlin	M.M.	Thomis Roe	M.M.
Andrew Duert	M.M.	Mickel Cashedey	M.M.
John Donley	P. M.	W ^m Knight Sen ^r	M.M.
James McCay	M.M.	Anthony McGynes	M.M.
John Sinckler	M.M.	Robert Melir	P.M.
John Devison	M.M.	Thomas Harlin	M.M.
John M. Carlile	M.M.	John Wood	M.M.
Robert Henery	P. M.	W ^m Knight Jun.	M.M.
John Sargent	P. M.	Jacob Hens	M.M.
Patrick Burns	P. M.	Jeremiah Knight	M.M.
Thomas Henes	M.M.	Richard Angus, 1806	M.M.
W ^m Berret	P. M.	Corniles Diserd, 1806	M.M.
Samuel McIntier	M.M.	Thomas Lee, 1806	
Hugh Hamelton	M.M.	John Fergesen	P. M.
Danel Cein	M.M.	John Seeright	M.M.
Joab Henes	M.M.	Thomas W. Black	M.M.
John R. Philips	M.M.	Richard McGuffin	P. M.
Ruben Renels	M.M.	Patrick Cerl	M.M.
Jeramah Renels	M.M.	Andrew Hamelton	M.M.
W ^m Renels	M.M.	Alexander Moroson	
Andrew Capbel	M.M.	James Morosen	M.M.
Walter McRey	M.M.	Archebil McCollosten	M.M.
John Kirk	M.M.	James Cain	M.M.
Timothay Kerk	M.M.	Robert Cannon	P. M.
David Erwin	M.M.	Patrick McClafferty	M.M.
John Robson	M.M.	James McGuier	M.M.
James R. Bell	P. M.	Jame Kelton	P. M.
Edwart Coil	M.M.	Thomas Taylor	P. M.
James Wright	M.M.		





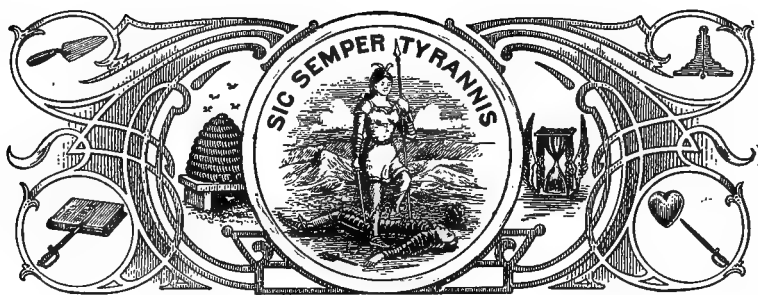
CHAPTER XVII.

LODGE NO. 12, A. Y. M., TO BE HELD IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



HIS entry in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge "No. 12, Bucks County, Surrendered," under the date December 29, 1789, reciting a List of Warrants Issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is all that is known about this warrant. It is supposed that the application came from some Brethren in the town of Read-

ing. The warrant was evidently not issued, or, if so, the Lodge was never constituted. A persistent and most thorough search among the records in the Archives, as well of the documents in the office of the Grand Secretary, has failed, thus far, to bring forth the least scrap of information relating to this warrant or the Brethren in whose favor it was granted. The number of the warrant indicates that it was applied for in the fall of the year 1768, with the inference that the Bucks County Brethren failed to comply with its requirements, and the number was at once assigned to the Brethren from Winchester, Virginia.



CHAPTER XVIII.

LODGE NO. 12, A. Y. M., HELD AT WINCHESTER (FREDERICK COUNTY), VIRGINIA.



THE first warrant granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Lodge to be held in Virginia, bore the date October 4, 1768, but was undoubtedly applied for at the Communication of the Grand Lodge held August 11, 1768.¹ This warrant was numbered "12" on the Roster. The Brethren mentioned in this document were James Gamul² Dowdall, W. M., James Lindsay, S. W., Samuel Dobie, J. W.

The earliest records of the Lodge under this warrant thus far found are the "Transactions of the Lodge beginning February 2, 1785, and ending November 8, 1790."³

These records show that the Brethren of Lodge No. 12 were chiefly patriots, and that during the stirring times of our

¹ "Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, 1727-1907," Vol. I, pp. 180, 181.

² Evidently intended for Gamaliel.

³ MSS., Vol. 189.



BRO. GENERAL PETER MUHLENBERG.

B. TRAPPE, PENNA., OCTOBER 1, 1746.

D. PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER 1, 1807.

"Time for all Things"

struggle for freedom, so many of the Brethren entered into the service of their Country, that no meetings of the Lodge could be held until long after peace had been declared. This is shown by the minutes of the meeting called for the second of February, 1785, two years after the War was over.

In connection with this matter it would be of interest to know how many of these patriotic Brethren were members of the Rev. Bro. Peter Muhlenberg's⁴ congregation, or were influenced by the action of our Brother, afterwards a Major Gen. in our Army, when he cast aside his clerical gown for the Continental uniform, uttering the memorable words which have since become historic:

"That in the language of Holy Writ, there was time for all things a time to preach and a time to pray, but those times had passed away;" and in a voice that re-echoed through the church like a trumpet blast, "that there was a time to fight, and that time had now come."

Unfortunately we have no list of the Brethren prior to and during the Revolutionary War, except such as are mentioned in the account of their re-organization, February 2, 1785.

The following extracts from the old Transactions are given *verbatim*, as they give us an insight into the Masonic life of the Brethren in what may be called the transition period of our national existence.

"At a Lodge Summon'd by Br. J. Samuel Dowdall the second day of *February 1785*.

Present: Br Samuel May Br Edward McGuire Br David Kennedy & Br J. Samuel Dowdall. attended in consequence of said Summons

"With meloncholy countenances in great distress we approached our once Agreeable Lodge Room, where with poignant feelings we called to mind the many happy evenings we met, a numerous & very worthey number of Brothers assembled in order to do every Hon^r in

⁴ Member of Lodge No. 3, meeting at Philadelphia. *Vide* Note 37 p. 248 *supra*.

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their power to the Antient & Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Finding ourselves reduced to the present few could not help taking a retrospective view of our absent dearly beloved Brethren.

"The first presented to said view was our once worthy, Bro John Humphreys, he fell in Quebeck within a few paces of the Honorable Gen Montgomery.

"Bro. Anguse M^cDonald Dyed by the fatigue of a severe campaign against the Indians.

"Bro Peter Helphenstine, Dyed of wounds received in Carolina a few days after returning to his family & friends.

"Bro Morgan Alexander, killed in Virginia.

"Bro John Lewis, killed in Carolina.

"Bro Thomas Craig, dyed of wounds received in an engagement under Col Thruston.

"Bro Russell dead.

"Bro M^cBride gone to Ireland

"Bro Sam^l Dobie & Bro John Howell removed to Carolina

"Bro. Edmund Taylor

"Bro Dorey Pentecoast and

"Bro Joseph Buler removed over the Alegany

"Bro. Benjamin Ashby.

"Bro John Timberlake and

"Bro William Campbell removed to different parts of the globe.

"We the remaining few of the One flourishing Lodge N^o 12 Requested Bro Samuel May. Master at our last Meeting to assume the Chair and formed in as good order as was possible.

"Worshipful Bro Samuel May in the chair Bro J. G. Dowdall P. M. Br. Edward M^cGuire & Bro David Kennedy Wardens.

"We come to the following Resolution:

"That on account of the sincere affection, we had to Masonry, for the good of the Craft we would receive the petitions of some worthy gentlemen, who had acquainted us of their having a great desire, to have the secrets of Masonry; made known to them, in an Honorable way, that we could meet hereafter regularly on the stated nights, and conform ourselves to the Antient rules & regulations as formerly, in hope to raise a new and reputable number of Brethren to supply the places of them who alas to us is no more. We comforted ourselves with the blessing that those who Honorably dyed, in the defence of their Country, were only removed from us while we remained Mortals and that we shall hereafter meet them, in the First great

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Grand Lodge clothed in white raiment in presence of our first great Grand Master the maker of us all."

A copy of this Minute was sent to the Grand Lodge and read before that body at an "Extra Grand Lodge," held *October 8, 1785*, as appears from the Minutes of the Grand Lodge:⁵

"Read a letter from the Worshipful Br. Samuel May and Br. J. Gamul Dowdall, Secretary of Lodge No 12, held at Winchester, inclosing the Minutes and Proceedings of said Lodge, and pointing out the Numerous Difficulties under which they have laboured, in consequence of the Death and Departure of many of their Brethren from that Body, which having been taken into Consideration,

"Unanimously Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve in the strongest Manner of the Conduct and Proceedings Brothers Samuel May, Edward McGuire, David Kennedy and J. G. Dowdall, for their Zeal and Attention to the Interests of Masonry, and of their Exertions on the 2^d. of February last; and this Grand Lodge do also highly approve of the Conduct of the Brethren of Lodge N^o. 12, and are of opinion that the said Lodge merit the Thanks and respect of all regular Masons, and recommend to them a continuance of their Zeal.

"Ordered, That the Thanks of this G^d. Lodge be transmitted by the R. W. G^d. Master to Lodge N^o. 12, and that said Lodge be assured of all the Protection and Advice this Grand Lodge can afford them."

"Friday March 4th [1785] Lodge in Form.

Bro Samuel May in the chair.

Bro Edward McGuire SW. Bro. David Kennedy JW. Bro. J. Samuel Dowdall P. M. in order to refresh our memory.

Read our By Laws & went through an Apprentices Lecture.

Received the Petitions of Mr John Kean & Mr Daniel Norton (both Merchants of the town of Winchester) praying to have the secrets of Masonry made known to them, and to the admitted as members of our Society, Ordered said petitions to

⁵Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 83.

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lye on the Books till next Lodge, closed to the first Friday in April, Extra Lodge excepted."

"*March 15th* [1785] On an application made by Mr John Kean & Mr. Daniel Norton an Extra Lodge was summoned and met accordingly.

Worshipful Bro Samuel May in the Chair.

Bro Edward McGuire & Bro David Kennedy Wardens—Bro J G Dowdall P. M., After opening an Apprentice's Lodge Agreed to Ballot for the above gentlemen. Mr John Kean being the first petitioner recorded was first balloted for & and on no impediment appearing was prepared & Entered an Apprentice according to the well known Rules & Customs among Masons.

Mr Daniel Norton was treated in the same manner. Read our By Laws, had a short Lecture and after some necessary charges given to our New admitted Brethren, Closed till Lodge in course."

"*Friday 1st April 5785.* Lodge was in as good form as so few members could make it. Bro Sam^l May in the Chair. Bro Edward McGuire S W. Bro David Kennedy JW. Bro J. G. Dowdale PM. Bro John Kean E. P. and Bro Dan^l Norton E. P. Opened an Apprentices Lodge, read the By-Laws and had an Excellent Lecture from the Chair. The Master Masons were Agreeably surprised at the rapit progress our late Apprentices had made in the knowledge of Masonry, which they convinced us. Owing to great industry, close application and a very sincere Love to the Antient Craft. We therefore at their request after ordering them to a drawing Room prepared our Lodge to receive them and passed them separately to the Second Degree of Masonry. The Secrety *Pro temp*" produced & handed to the Chair Three Petitions which after his Worships perusal returned with orders to be read. The first from Mr. Archibald Magill, the

Second from Mr. David Hunter and the third from Capt^a William McGowen to be Made Masons ordered to be seconded & lye on y^e Books. Lodge Closed till Lodge in course.^a Extra Lodge Excepted."

"6th May 5785, Lodge in due form Worshipful B^r Sam^l. May in the Chair B^r Edw^d. M'Guire S. W. B^r Dav^d. Kennedy J. W., B^r. J. G. Dowdall P. M. B^r. John Kean & B^r Dan^l. Norton F. C. B^r Arch^d. Magill B^r David Hunter & B^r. M'Guire E. Prent^s. The last three after gong thro' a Strict Examination in which they Acquitted themselves so much to the Satisfaction of the Lodge Were at their Request Seperat'ly Passed to the Second degree. Had a Crafts Lecture after Reading the By-Laws a Motion was made to the Chair that it was Exceedingly Inconvenient to the Whole of the present Members to attend our Lodge on the first friday of the Month being the Court Week and held for this County in this Town that three of the present Members were Magistrates & had to set on the Bench most part or the whole of the week the Rem^r were all Storekeepers living in Town & ware Commonly Fittagued or so hurried in the day that they wished to rest themselves in the Evenings and moved that the Lodge Night be altered to some day in any other Week of the Month that might be judged most Conven^t. The Motion being Seconded it was Concluded upon to hold the Lodge for the Future on the Second tuesday in Each Month. Then by Order of his Worship Lodge Closed unto the 2nd. tuesday in June Extra Lodges Excep^t."

"Second Tuesday June 14th Lodge Formed Worshipfull B^r. Sam^l May Mast^r. in the Chair B^r Edw^d. M'Guire & B^r Dav^d. Kennedy Ward^s. B^r John Kean B^r Dan^l. Norton B^r. Arch^d. Magill F. C.^s. B^r David Hunter and B^r Will^m. M'Guire F. C.^s. Read over our by-Laws & went thro' a Crafts Lecture A

^a"till Lodge in Course" meaning until the next stated meeting.

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Motion was made to the Chair that it be recommended to the Brethren to meet in the Afternoon of the Ensuing 24th. St. Johns day The motion being agreeable to the whole Resolved to meet Accordingly & that B^r J. G. Dowdall Secre^y. pro. Temp^o. do bespake a Supper for the present Comp^y. to be prepared by B^r. Edw^d. M'Guire in whose House we hold Our Lodge: Lodge Closed to the 2^d. tuesday in July. Extra Lodges Excepted."

"24th. June The Brethren of N^o. 12 Met at their Lodge Room at five O'Clock A. M. [*Sic*] The whole of them Present, In Respect to day they dressed an put on the propper Ornaments belonging to their Lodge Had a Genteel Supper and spent the Evening in Inocent Mirth Untill the Hour of Ten aproach^d then parted true friends Each B^r returning to his Home or Lodgings to Cheer his Wife or Mistress."

"July 12th. Second tuesday. Lodge Formed Worshipfull B^r. Sam^l. May in the Chair B^r Edw^d. M^cGuire S. W. B^r David Kennedy J. W. B^r J. G. Dowdall P. M. B^r John Kean & B^r Dan^l. Nocton F. C.^s the remainder being Crafts absented themselves being Informed they Could not be present at the advancing B^{rs} Kean & Nocton who prayed to be admitted to the Sublime degree of a Mast^r M. when after satisfying the Elder Brethren of their abilities were Raised Seperately to the Third degree of Masonry. Received the pettitions of Maj^r. Elias Langham & M^r. John Payton praying that the Mystery of Masonry may be made known unto them Ware handed & read according to Custom & Ordered to be Recorded On the Books untill the rem^r. of the Brethren be fully Acquainted thereof. Lodge Closed untill Lodge in Course Extra Lodges Excep^d."

"July 20th. At an Extra Lodge Assembled in compliance to summons Issued by Order of the Master Worshipfull B^r Samuel May B^r Archib^d. Magill and B^r William M^cGuire F.C^s B^r

David Hunter gone to the Warm Springs of Augusta for the benefit of his health. The pres^t Crafts on whose Request the Lodge was summon'd namely B^{rs}. Magill & M^cGuire after giving pleasing & Convincing Proofs of their proficiency were Separately Raised to the Third Degree of Masonry, Lodge Closed to the Second tuesday in August Extra Lodg^s Except^d."

"August 9th. Lodge in propper form Worshipfull B^r Samuel May in the Chair.

Col^o. Charles Magill newly arrived from Richmond from Studying the Law requested to be admitted for the night as a Visiting B^r Maj^r. Will^m. Hickman same time made the same request by propper Mesages A Committee was appointed & sent out to Examine the foersaid gen^l. who on their return made their Report that Col^o. Magill produced a Regular Certificate from Richmond Lodge of his going thro' three degrees of Masonry & gave every other satisfaction required of him Maj^r. Hickman was made an Apprentice Only in said Lodge the same was attested by Col^o. Magill who was present at his Entry. Agreed that they both be admitted, Maj^r. Elias Lan-
yam at his request was Ballott^d. for No objection appearing was regularly entered. M^r. John Payton signifying his desire of admittance was likewise Ballotted for & unanimously received and was Enter'd to the first Degree Gave a Proper Charge to the new B^{rs}. Read our by Laws & had a Lecture. The Pettition of M^r Fran^s Raworth was presented to the Chair signifying his great desire of having the Misterys of Masonry made known to him Ordered to lye on the Books for a full Month Closed till Lodge in Course Extra Lodges Excepted."

"September 13th. Lodge in due form Worshipfull M^r Samuel May in the Chair

B^r Charles Magill requested to be admitted a member of our Society which was Unanimously granted him and his name Ordered to be enroll'd on our Books B^r David Hunter newly

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returned from the Hot Springs of Augusta relinquished his prior right of Preferment to B^r. Elias Langham and B^r John Payton On which they were Separately advanced & passed to the Degree of F.C^s. Received the Petitions of M^r John Conrad and M^r Richard Gray to have Hon^r. of being admitted to partake of the Secret Mistory, of Free Masonry After reading Ordered to be Recorded & lye on the Books According to Custom The Ballotting for M^r Fran^s. Raworth was Ordered to be postponed the night being too far advanced to Enter him in case of admittance Brother Dowdall acquainting the Lodge of his Intending a journey to Philadelphia. Shortly was requested by the Master Wardens & Brethren To Copy the proceedings of their Lodge Since the 2^d. day of Feb^y. last and Humbly to lay the same before the Worshipfull Grand Lodge in Philadelphia Hoping they will not Impute the Unfortunate Distressing Situation they were reduced to Occasioned by the Unforseen powers and fortune of War to any Neglect in them And Praying the Worshipfull Grand Lodge will Honor them with what Commands they may Judge Expedient as a Rule for their future Conduct As nothing Can be more Comfortable to them in their present growing situation then being taken under the Patronage & Guidance of so Worthy & Reputable a Body as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania &c &c from whom they hold their Charter & whom they Revere Respect and Esteem in preference to any Lodges in the known World. Lodge Closed to laye in Course Extra Lodges Excepted."

"November 8th 5785. Lodge in due form. On a Motion made to the Chair that the Petition of Fran^s. Raworth lay on the books three Months that he was then waiting Desirous to know his fate Was Ballotted for Unanimously Admitted and Entered in the well known Order to the first Degree of Masonry On a Motion made by the Friends of M^r John

Letter from the Grand Lodge

Conrad & Mr Richard Gray Expressing their desire of Acceptance Mr Conrad was first & Ballotted for & Unanimously Admitted Mr Green next ballotted for and on five black objections appearing his suit was dismissed proceeded with Mr Conrad & Enter'd him an Apprentice the two Apprentices after receiving a short Charge was Ordered to withdraw, B^r Hunter B^r Payton & B^r Langham F. C. Ordered to withdraw A. M. M. Lodge Opened and the three last ment^d. Crafts was Separately prepared and prefered to the Sublime Degree of M. M. a M. M. Lodged Closed the two new Apprentices Called in A prentices Lodge Opened The whole present being properly seated B^r Dowdall after addressing the Chair in form Acquainted the Brethren of the very polite treatment he rec^d. from the R. W. G. M. of Pennsilvania &c &c. first in Ordering a G^d. L. to be Summon^d. purposely on Acc^t. of the business he Informed him he Come upon namely a Representative of Winchester Lodge N^o. 12 and intrusted with the transactions of said Lodge, purposely to lay before the R. W. Grand Lodge. The 8th ult. the R. W. G. L. assembled B^r Dowdall presented a letter to the R. W. G. M^r. with the Minutes of this Lodge Inclosed ware handed to the R. W. G. Secret^r. who read over the same, the success whose office will be made known On the hearing the Contents of a letter which B^r Dowdall then handed to the Chair Which after his worship had perused handed to B^r. Dowdall to read to the Lodge Viz:

‘TO THE MASTER & BRETHREN OF N^o. 12 AT WINCHESTER VIRGINIA

‘Dear Brethren:

“This serves to Cover a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pensilvania directed to your Lodge at Winchester. The late War has caused great troubles among Masons of which you have had more than Common Share and Certainly you deserve great Credit for the care and attention you have paid on Raising your Lodge to the flourishing state it is now in for which I beg you accept my Warmest acknowledgement may that bright spark of harmony continue among

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you which will make you a lasting band of Brothers is the sincere wish of your Affectionate Brother

“WILL ADCOCK G. M.”

‘To the Master and Brethren
of Lodge N^o. 12 at Winchester Virginia
Grand Lodge Octobr 8, 1785.’

“Br Dowdall then presented the new Book of Constitutions^{6a} together with several printed Copy’s of two Excellent Sermons preached in S^t. Paul’s Church on Saturday Decem^{br}. 27, 1783. The Anniversary of S^t. John the Evangelist in Philadelphia By Samuel Magaw, D.D., Vice provist of the University of Pensilvania And in Christ Church on 27 Dec^r. ’84 before the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons By Will^m White D:D: Rector of Christ Church & S^t. Peters—That ware given & sent to this Lodge & rec’d for that purpose from the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

“On receiving the Above Honors the Master & Brethren of N^o. 12 Resolved That from the Sincere Love & Respect they allways bore to Masonry & the Happiness they felt on being promised the protection & advice of the R. W. G^d. Lodge (which they so ardently wished for) and who not Only like a tender parent Overlooking their failings but Hon^{rs}. them with their thanks The Effects of which by every Grateful Heart Can be easier felt then described and very Visible & Expressively appeared in the Countenance of all then present. That hereafter they would to the Utmost of their Abilities Continue that Zeal So much Approved of by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

“Its further Resolved that the Thanks of this Lodge be Unanimously given to B^r. F. G. for acquitting himself so much to the satisfaction of its present Members as its Representative in the R. W. G^d. Lodge.

^{6a} *Vide*, p. 156, *supra*.

St. John's Day Celebration

"Lodge Closed untill the 2^d tuesday in December Extra Lodge Excepted."

"*December the 18th*. Lodge formed Worshipfull B^r. Samuel May in the Chair. B^r. Fran^s. Raworth after a strict Examination in which he gave general satisfaction passed to a F. C. On a Motion from the W. M. in the Chair that a Stated tyler was much wanted that he had with the Advice of several of the present Members Applied to a Certain John Crockwell A Man well known to most of all present of a fair Charecter had been Advanced in Masonry to the degree of a F. C. under a travelling Warrant in Braddox war was an industrious good Carpenter but become unfirm by sickness & age Was then in the House & willing to serve us provided we advanced him in Masonry w^d. give him half a dollar at Night & a drink of toddy. The Question being put was receiv'd unanimously on his own terms prop^d. & Ent^d. & passed him being formerly a F. C. as before mentioned placed him outside the door the post Intended & agreed for."

"*December 27th*. The Brethren of N^o. 12 Met in their Lodge Room at Elleven O'Clock B^r. Raworth acquainted the Brethren that the Rev^d. Person Stright intended meeting them at 12 O'Clock at Church. The Officers Immediatly put on the Ornaments of their Office with new Aprons & Gloves and formed as near to the Order of Procession in new Regulations as possible Considering the deftiency in Number had prepared new Wands & new pillars According to Order tip^d. & Guilt wth. two new Velvet Cushens

1st The Sword Bear^r. or Tyler

2 Two Deacons bearing wands tipped wth. Gold

3 Treasur^r. & Secre^r. bearing the Holy Bible & book of Constitu^s. on 2 Crimson Velvet Cush^s.

4 The Present Mast^r. wth. a new wand tip^d. wth. Gold

5 The Past Mast^r.

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6 The two Wardens wth. propper pillars.

7 8 & 9 Members of the Lodge two & two & before twelve the procession enter'd the Church in the Order of March & seated in the Isle near the Comunion Table every pew in the Church very full Psalms ware Sung by a numb^r. of Boys & Girls genteely dressed (the first mens Children of the Borough) each wth. a broad light blew Sash in Hon^r. to Masonry had been Instructed by a teacher for several days before and gave great Delight to the Audience Had an Elegant & Enlightning discourse from the Pulpit as suitable as possibly could be Expected from a Gentⁿ. wanting the Enlightning help of Masonry After Service return'd in same good Order to our Lodge Room regaled ourselves wth. an Excellent Dinner Enjoyed a most pleasing Evening and parted in hopes to meet again when the like happy Occasion offerin." Here *verbatim* extracts end. We now turn to the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

"June 12th., 1786. Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication. Brother Gavin Hamilton presented to this Lodge a deputation in writing from Lodge No 12, authorizing him to represent them in Grand Lodge." After the above date, the Winchester Lodge was regularly represented at the successive Communications of the Grand Lodge: and was one of the Lodges that voted by proxy on the memorable 25th day of September, 1786, when Masonic Independence was declared by the Brethren in Pennsylvania."

"March 26, 1787. "A Letter was read from Lodge N^o. 12, who have sent a Copy of their transactions; referred to the Sen. and Jun. Wardens and Secr^y. for inspection."

The Lodge, as requested by the Independent Grand Lodge, promptly surrendered the warrant granted in 1768, and obtained a new warrant, bearing date March 17, 1787: the offi-

cers named therein being:—Archibald Magill W. M., William McGuire, S. W.; Daniel Norton, J. W.

Just what effect above action had with the Brethren in Virginia, or the cause of dissatisfaction among the Brethren of Lodge N^o. 12 at the time we have no way of solving at this late day. The troubles, however, whatever they were, culminated in the original warrant Master and a number of Brethren soliciting a new warrant for a new Lodge to be held in Winchester. Their letter was read before Grand Lodge December 17th, 1787, but as no recommendation from Lodge N^o. 12 accompanied this petition it was ordered that the same lie over for further Consideration

“*December 27, 1788, A Master Mason’s Lodge being opened in due form, Read a letter from Lodge No. 12 at Winchester, Virginia, accompanid by a Minute of their proceedings and a remittance of £12. Virginia currency, which the Treasurer acknowledged to have received.*”

Nothing further of interest appears in the Minutes of the Grand Lodge referring to Lodge N^o. 12 for several years, when Bro. John Service was deputized by the R. W. Grand Master to visit Lodge N^o. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, and report as to their condition.

Among some loose papers in the archives of the Grand Lodge the original order was found:¹⁰

“As Mr. Du P.⁷ is out of Town I will thank you to make out a deputation for Bro. John Service to visit the Lodge at Winchester & (another to visit the Lodge at Alexandria)⁸ He proposes to leave town in a few days.

Br. B. Mason D. G. S’y

J. B. S.⁹

May 1, 1790.

⁷ P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Grand Secretary.

⁸ Crossed out in original.

⁹ Jonathan Bayard Smith, Grand Master.

¹⁰ MSS., Vol. T, paquet 33, folio 34.

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December 27, 1790. Bro. Service reported "that he had complied with his appointment and found the Brethren in the greatest Harmony and Union, that the said Lodge consists of eighteen very respectable Members, and he presented a Copy of their minutes of November 8 last, which was read and ordered to be filed."¹¹

April 21, 1800, a letter was sent to Lodge No. 12, and other Lodges similarly in arrears by the Grand Secretary notifying them that they were in arrears for two years, and that "unless their dues were discharged by St. John's Day in December next, or satisfactory reasons given why they are not discharged, their warrant will be considered as Suspended."

June 15, 1801. At an "Adjourned Quarterly Communication" two letters were read from Lodge No. 12, One informing that Bro^r. Lewis Wolfe, S. W. of said Lodge, had been appointed by said Lodge to wait on this Grand Lodge and to transact business on behalf of said Lodge with the Grand Lodge, the Other acknowledging the Receipt of the Resolutions of this Grand Lodge respecting Delinquent Lodges, and stating by reason of divers removals, Deaths of Members and Delinquency of a Treasurer, the Funds of the Lodge were reduced that it is impossible for them to ascertain what Sum is actually due to the Grand Lodge; that they are determined to do all in their power to prevent any future delinquencies of said Lodge and that they transmit by Bro^r. Wolfe the Sum of 100 Dollars.

"On Consideration Bro^{rs}. Milnor, Baker and Griffith were appointed a Committee to make a settlement with Bro. Wolfe respecting the G. Lodge Dues of Lodge No. 12 and that the settlement they shall so make shall be conclusive."

¹¹ MSS., Vol 189, folio 53.

Report of Committee

June 23, 1801. At an Adjourned Gr. Quarterly Communication this Committee made the following report:¹²

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

“The Committee appointed on the 15th. Instant to make a settlement with Bro^r. Lewis Wolfe, S. W. of Lodge N^o. 12 held at Winchester, Virginia, respecting the Grand Lodge Dues of said Lodge, Beg leave Respectfully to Report: That your Committee have inspected the Returns heretofore received from said Lodge, also the Account of said Lodge, and the Credit of Money heretofore received from them. That they have had a conference with Bro^r. Wolfe on the subject of said Account. That it appears from Bro^r. Wolfe’s statement that by reason of the Death of a late Secretary of said Lodge the Books and papers of the Lodge were lost, so that it is impossible for them to make out regular and true Returns and Accounts. That said Lodge had been greatly reduced by removals and Deaths and that by reason of the Delinquency of a late Treasurer and other Causes, the Funds of the Lodge were now very inconsiderable. That himself (Bro^r. Wolfe) and a few more of the Members had by subscription made up the Sum of 100 Dollars to tender to the Grand Lodge and that he had come on to Philadelphia solely for the purpose of effecting a settlement with the Grand Lodge. Your Committee upon fully considering the Situation of the said Lodge and their willingness to come to a settlement with the Grand Lodge, so clearly evinced by Bro^r. Wolfe’s having travelled the distance of 200 Miles from home for the express purpose of obtaining the same, Agreed, that the said Sum of One Hundred Dollars be accepted in full payment of the Grand Lodge Dues of said Lodge up to St. John’s Day in the present Month, (Brother Wolfe having engaged on behalf of the said Lodge that from and after that period the said Lodge would regularly transmit their Returns, Accounts and payments). And Brother Grand Treasurer being present Bro^r. Wolfe paid said Sum of One Hundred Dollars into the Grand Treasurer’s hands in the presence of your Committee.

Philad^a., 16 June, 1801. (Sign’d)

“JAMES MILNOR,

“GEORGE A. BAKER.”

On the 5th January, 1807, the Grand Lodge granted leave

¹² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, pp. 478, 479.

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to Lodge No. 12 to resign their warrant in order to obtain a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, upon whose roster it became known as Winchester Hiram Lodge, No. 16.

The following list of names was furnished the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania when the new charter was granted to the Lodge, March, 1787. To this list have been added the names of such Brethren, who joined the Lodge up to the close of the eighteenth century.

<i>Initiated or</i>		
<i>Name.</i>	<i>Admitted.</i>	<i>Rank in Lodge.</i>
Samuel May,		W. M. 1785.
Edward McGuire,		S. W. 1785. Treasurer 1785-6-7.
David Kennedy,		J. W. 1785.
James Gamul Dowdall,		Warrant Master 1768. W. M. 1785.
1785		
John Kean,	Mar. 15,	Secretary 1787.
Daniel Norton,	Mar. 15,	J. W. in Warrant 1787. W. M. 1787.
Archibald Magill,	Apr. 15,	Warrant Master 1787. W. M. 1786.
David Hunter,	Apr. 15,	M. M.
William McGuire,	Apr. 15,	S. W. in Warrant 1787. S. W. 1786-7.
Elias Langham,	Aug. 9,	M. M.
John Peyton,	Aug. 9,	Sec'y 1785-6. J. W. 1787.
Charles Magill,	Sep. 13,	M. M. Made in Richmond.
Francis Raworth,	Nov. 8,	M. M.
John Conrad,	Nov. 8,	M. M.
John Crockwell,	Dec. 13,	P. M.
1786		
George Hite,	Jan. 10,	M. M. A clandestine Mason.
David Deaderick,	Mar. 14,	M. M.
John James Maund,	Mar. 14,	M. M. Made in Europe.

Roster of Lodge No. 12, A. O. U.

Alexander King,	June 13, M. M.	
Mathew Wright,	July 11, M. M.	Made in Richmond.
Thomas Marshall,	July 11, M. M.	
Richard Gray,	Dec. 19, M. M.	Made in Lancaster.
Robert White,	Dec. 19, M. M.	
Jesse Taylor,	Dec. 19, M. M.	
Andrew Woodrow,	Dec. 19, M. M.	

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Philip Pendleton,	Feb. 13, M. M.
Dorsey Pentecost,	Mar. 9, M. M.
Buckner Thurston,	June 12, F. C.
Hamilton Cooper,	Aug. 6, M. M.
Moses Hunter,	Dec. 3, M. M.

1788

Philip Bush, Jr.,	June 31, F. C.
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1789

Richard Bowen,	Dec. 1, W. M. 1801.
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1792

Hugh Holmes,	June 16, M. M.
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1793

Angus McDonald,	Mar. 16, M. M.
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1794

Edward Powers,	Mar. 6, M. M.
Edward Slater,	Sep. 19, P. M.

1795

John Kingam,	Feb. 25, P. M.
Ferguson Bell,	May 7, E. A.

1796

John Lefevre,	Jan. 7, F. C.
George Keiger,	Oct. 6, E. A.

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1797

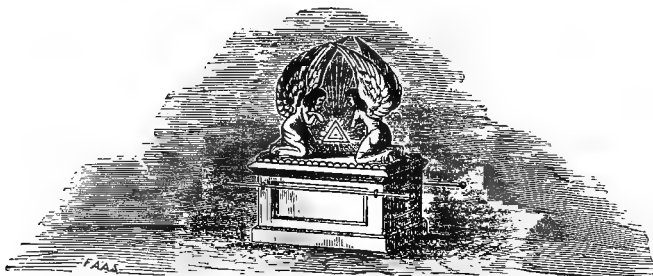
Howson Seaton,	Feb. 9, M. M.
James Singleton,	Mar. 9, E. A.
Conrad Kramer,	Mar. 9, P. M.
Henry Baylis,	Mar. 9, M. M.
Nathaniel Kean,	May 3, P. M.
Peter Lauck,	May 3, P. M.
Lewis Wolfe,	June 5, P. M.
Frederick Hurst,	July 11, P. M.

1798

Joel T. Gustine,	Jan. P. M.
Jesse Brittain,	Jan. 3, M. M.
James H. Davidson,	May 1, M. M.
Daniel Settler,	Mar. 7, M. M.
Nahum Chunn,	July 3, M. M.
William Silvers,	Dec. 31, M. M.
Isaac Woodrow,	Dec. 31, M. M.

1799

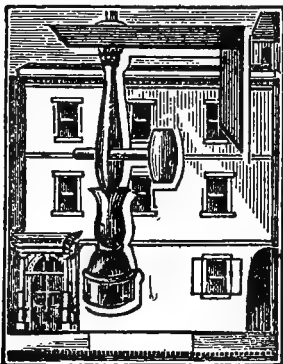
George Eskridge,	Feb. 4, M. M.
William Gibbs,	April 1, M. M.
Isaac Swedringen,	June 3, M. M.
Enoch Morris,	Sep. 30, M. M.
John Cloud,	Dec. 2, M. M.
Robert Holliday,	Dec. 12, M. M.





CHAPTER XIX.

LODGE NO. 13, A. Y. M., HELD AT PHILADELPHIA.



FROM the records of Lodge No. 2, A. Y. M., we learn that Lodge No. 13 was originally warranted July 29, 1769. Bro. John Deas, W. M.; Bro. John Hoodloss, S. W.; Bro. Jeremiah Swaine, J. W., were named in the warrant as their first officers.

"October 10, 1769. Bro. Deas, Hoodloss and Swaine, the officers of Lodge N^o. 13, visited Lodge N^o. 2. and presented to the chair a remonstrance on the Conduct of Bros. Truman and Woodrow, which upon due Consideration of the Brethren, the Conduct of the said Brethren Truman and Woodrow is adjudged a high misdemeanor, justly deserving the Censure of this Body, but as the Worshipful Master not being present, the matter is deferr'd until next meeting."

There is no record of any action having been taken by Lodge No. 2 in this Matter, it was evidently turned over to the Grand Lodge, where it properly belonged.

Lodge No. 13 held their meetings in Vidall's Alley, and at

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the meeting of Lodge No. 2, *February 13, 1770*, Bro. Bontamps Fartier, of No. 13, is among the visitors.

March 13, 1770. Bro. P. M. Jno. Hoodloss and Bro. John Dean W. M. of Lodge N^o. 13 presented a Complaint to Lodge N^o. 2, setting forth that Bro. John Eaves of their Lodge had behaved himself unworthy and therefore the Lodge thought proper to make the same known to this Lodge.

At the meeting of Lodge No. 2, Number 13 was represented, *March 23, 1770*, by Bro. P. M. John Hoodloss. Bro. James Berwick also appears to have visited the Lodge at various times in 1770 and 1771.

The only original document of Lodge No. 13 thus far found among the papers of the Grand Lodge is a return of members dated December 23, 1770, viz. :—

Bro ^r . James Swaine	Master
Bro ^r . W ^m . Singleton	Sen ^r . Ward ⁿ .
Bro ^r . Clemons	Jun ^r . D ⁿ .
Bro ^r . Hoodloss	} Past Masters
Bro ^r . Dease	
Bro ^r . Ty. Kenna,	Secretary
Bro ^r . J. Wilson	} Deacons
Bro ^r . J. Gardner	
Bro ^r . Bontamps	} Members
Bro ^r . Whitehead	
Bro ^r . Pinkemon	
Bro ^r . Ennis	
Bro ^r . Oldenburgh	
Bro ^r . M ^c Gannon	
Lyon Barrey	
Bro ^r . Finey	
Bro ^r . Berwick	

As will be seen by the above list, the Lodge was a small one.

January 9, 1771. At the meeting of Lodge N^o. 2 notice was brought by Bro. James Berwick of Lodge N^o. 13 Concerning John Hoodloss' ill treatment of Bro. James Deniston of Lodge

Nº. 2 he being there excluded the benefit of that Lodge. Bro. James Berwick was among the visitors upon this occasion.

This is the last record we have relating to this Lodge held under the original warrant.

Lodge No. 13 evidently succumbed either during the troublous years prior to the British occupation of the city, 1777-78, or during that period, as no evidences have thus far been found of any meetings held by this Lodge, nor do the names of any of the Brethren recorded in the list of December 23, 1770, appear in the records of Lodges 3 or 4 between September 30, 1777, and June 5, 1778,¹ nor in the subsequent list of the Lodge as revived in 1779.

The original warrant, granted in 1769, having been surrendered or vacated, a number of the Brethren in Philadelphia proposed forming a new Lodge, under the same number; and an application for a warrant was made at the first formal Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, after the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British, of which we have any record, and held July 29, 1779.

At this Communication their first act was:

"Upon a request made by Bros. Jacob S. Howell, Peter Baynton and Alexander Nesbitt, to be constituted officers of a new Lodge, to be held in this city, their request was unanimously granted, and accordingly Bro. Howell was installed Master of Nº. 13, and Bro. Peter Baynton, his Senior Warden, Bro. Nesbitt's business not permitting him to attend."

The Brethren proceeded without delay to erect their Lodge, as is shown by the following bills,² viz.:

"July 28, 1779, A Square and Compass was bought from
Francis Clark for £5.00.0"

another:

¹ Cf. Chapter VIII-XXV *infra*.

² MSS., Vol. F, paquet 148, folio 47.

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"Lodge N^o. 13 To Jacob S. Howell Dr.

1779

"August To Cash paid for 2 Marble Columns 10 Dollars	£3.15.0
" " " " a tin case for Warrant	1.17.6
" " " " 3 pints of Spirits for Grand Lodge	
8 Dollars	3.00.0
23 Dollars	£8.12.6

Sept. 11, 1779, Rec'd the above of Mr. Burd

J. S. Hourle"

upon the same date they bought of John Brooks,

"Eight Skins at 10 Dollars per skin	£30.00.0
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upon the same day, Bro. Edward Burd gave the Brethren one hundred Dollars for the use of the Lodge.

October 22, 1779. Bro. Howell, W. M. of Lodge No. 13, was one of a Committee appointed to "wait upon the R^e. W^rful Grand Master and acquaint him with the proceedings of this Evening, and to assure him of their hearty and sincere Wishes for the Good of the Royal Craft, and their Determination to act with him as far as in their power lies for its general prosperity."

December 20, 1779. At the Grand Lodge Communication Bro. Leaming, of No. 13, was appointed one of the Committee to revise and prepare the Constitutions (Ahiman Rezon) for the press, and lay it before the next Quarterly Communication, leaving out what may be superfluous.

At this Communication, Bro. Jacob S. Howell was elected Junior Grand Warden.

During the first year, from the time of its constitution to June, 1780, the Lodge had 14 members; during the next three months, they added seven by initiation; among this number was Bro. Joseph Nourse, whose application has come down to us.³

³ *Ibid.*, folio 48.

"Dr Sir

"Having long had an Inclination of being acquainted with the Mysteries of Masonry, & knowing you have the Honor of belonging to a Lodge in this City—for whose Members I have the greatest Respect—beg you will propose me as a Candidate at your next Meeting—& you'll oblige

"Dr Sir

"Philad^a. June 5th. 1780"

"Your most obed^t. Serv^t.

Joseph Nourse."

"Peter Baynton esq^r."

The following application for a Grand Lodge Certificate is also among our Archives:⁴

"The bearer Brother Doct^r. John Foulke is a regular registered Master Mason of Lodge N^o. 13 held in this city and during his continuance amongst us behaved in a becoming manner, I therefore recommend him for a grand Certificate as he is shortly to embark for Europe.

"Peter Baynton Mr.

"Philad^a. April 21, 1780.

N^o. 13"

"To Bro. Doct^r. W. Smith

G. Sec'y"

December 18, 1780. Lodge N^o 13 subscribed for Thirty of the new Constitution Books.

March 26, 1781. The Treasurer of N^o. 13 was ordered to pay the Grand Lodge dues, by the Master of the said Lodge.

We also have the applications of Bros. Joseph Howell, Jun., Feby. 6, 1781, and Staats Laurence and James Totten, December 1, 1782, Together with a bill of James Craig March 6, 1781, for Two hundred and Sixty Dollars for provisions for the use of the Lodge.

Bro. W^m Ghislin at the same time received one hundred and fifty-five Dollars for Sundry services.

December 13, 1782. Lodge No. 13 "engaged to pay their dues by next St. John's Day."

⁴ MSS., Vol. J, folio 33.

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March 31, 1783. “Bro. Proctor, on behalf of Brother Dan^l. Oldenbruch, of late Lodge N^o. 13 of Ancient Masons, requested this Grand Lodge would order a Grand Certificate to be given to s^d. Brother, he having lost the one formerly presented to him (with his Baggage) at one of the actions to the Southward, and that the said Brother lives 20 or 30 miles distant from any Lodge of Ancient Masons.

A Ballot being taken, it was agreed that the request be complied with, and that Brother Proctor inform the said Brother that it is the wish of this Grand Lodge that he would, as soon as convenient, partake of the Benefits of some Lodge of Ancient Masons by becoming a member thereof.”

January 24, 1783. Lodge N^o. 13 makes the following return of their officers for the ensuing six months, viz: Joseph Nourse Master, Jos. Howell Jun., S. W.; S. Nicholas, J. W.

January 12, 1784. The Lodge paid Twenty Dollars for thirty Ahiman Rezens, and on May 10th of same year paid for printing 150 engraved notices.

The following letter, dated May 15, 1784, was received from the Secretary of Lodge N^o. 2:

“ Brother

“I am ordered by the Worshipful Master of Lodge N^o. 2, to inform your Body that a certain Mr. Dennis Lennon petitioned our Lodge to be initiated into Masonic Fellowship, and was black Balled by every member present

“ Philadelphia

“ May 15th. 5784”

“ Yours &c

“ W. von Horn, Sec’y”

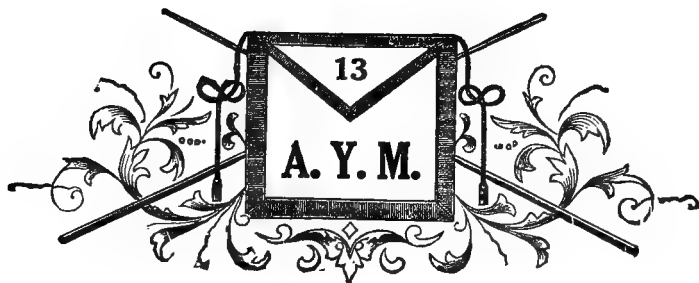
Strange to say Lodge No. 13 was not represented on the memorable September 25, 1786, when the independence of the Grand Lodge was declared, nor was the Lodge represented in Grand Lodge after December 28, 1784. Finally on March 26, 1787, it was “Ordered, on Motion and seconded, that the Sec’y call on the late officers of vacant Lodges to deliver their

List of Members

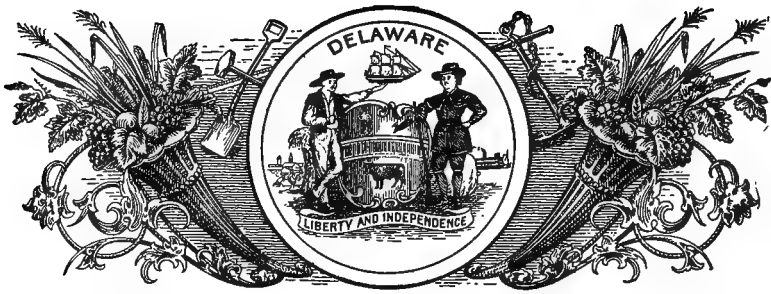
books, Papers, Jewels and furniture to this Lodge. Ordered, that a special Summons be sent to the Officers of N^o. 13 to attend the next Quarterly Communication.”⁵ No response appears to have been made to this notice; consequently the warrant was vacated, and finally surrendered in April 1791.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF LODGE No. 13, AUGUST 13, 1783

Jacob S. Howell	Staats Lawrence
Peter Baynton	James Totten
Alexander Nesbitt	Samuel Nicholas
W. Alricks	Daniel Darby
Edward Burd	Jacob Kahn
Thomas Leaming	John Henderson
James Bryson	Peter Carmick
James Craig	Peter Grubb
Peter Z. Lloyd	William Govett
William Semple	James Gibbon
Barnabus Binney	Edward Shippen
John Grover	William Nichols
Joseph Nourse	Matthew Duncan
Allen M ^c Lane	



⁵ Reprint of Minutes, Vol. I, p. 106.



CHAPTER XX.

LODGE NO. 14, A. Y. M., HELD AT CHRISTIANA FERRY (NEW CASTLE COUNTY), DELAWARE.



ON December 27, 1769, St. John the Evangelist's Day a warrant was granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge for a Lodge to be held at a settlement on the Delaware River between the Brandywine and Christiana Creeks; this was known as Christiana Ferry, and originally was one of the oldest Swedish settlements on the South or Delaware River, and is now the flourishing city of Wilmington, the commercial metropolis of the State of Delaware. The ancient warrant was Number 14 upon the Roster. At the time the warrant was granted the following officers were installed:

Bro. Hugh McConnell, W. M.

“ Jonathan Jordon S. W.

“ Joseph McGarraugh J. W.

Among our Archives, we have two old Minute Books of this old Lodge beginning Nov. 18, 1779, and ending December 16,

1784;¹ also several lists of members, letters and reports to the Grand Lodge.

During the early years of the Revolutionary struggle, when the tide of war surged over and around their territory, the Brethren of No. 14 suffered more or less. The members became scattered, the meetings were irregular, and the records of the Lodge covering that period were either lost or destroyed.

December 20, 1779. At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, No. 14 was represented by Bros. James Gilmer, W. M. and John Herdman, S. W., who reported that they had lately been harassed, and contributed £50.0.0. toward the Charity Fund in lieu of arrears due.

November 18, 1779. A meeting of the Lodge was held. There were present Bros. James Gilmer, W. M., John Herdman, Griffith Jordan and Patrick O'Flinn. No business was done, and Lodge adjourned to meet December 16, 1779, at Bro. Thomas Kean's. In response to a summons from the Grand Lodge, Bros. James Gilmore, W. M., John Herdman, S. W., and Thomas Kean, a M. M., were appointed to attend.

At this meeting, petitions were received from Messrs. Abijah Phillips, James Gamble, James McRory and James Francis.

January 14, 1780. Lodge opened at the house of John Thelwell, when the four candidates were approved and entered. Each paying a fee of 224 Dollars.

February 17, 1780, March 16, April 8, April 20, 1780. The meetings were held at the house of Bro. George Gordon. At the latter meeting, a letter was read from the Grand Lodge. Whereupon it was resolved unanimously that a committee be appointed to take the same under consideration, next Thursday evening, at Mr Creery's in order to prepare an answer to the same to be sent up by a Brother the first opportunity a Copy of which to be read at next Lodge Night.

¹ MSS., Vol. 169-170.

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The above Committee consisted of Bros. Gilmore, Kean, Philips and O'Flinn.

Following is the letter agreed upon² and sent:

"Lodge N^o. 14 May 20th. 1780

"Brother

"This is to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their different meetings and that the same was laid before the members of this Lodge. I have it in Command from the Brethren to acquaint you, that they do highly approve the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Communicated to them and as far as the same relates to this Lodge, shall Comply therewith.

"we have also to return thanks to the Grand Lodge for their attention in sending or Worthy Brother Rutherford, to Visit the Lodge, a practice of doing so would be of infinite service to all the Lodges be a means of keeping the Work in due proportion &c &c for a further Explanation refer you to Brother Rutherford

"I am in behalf of Lodge N^o. 14

"Sir

"Your Loving Brother

"Pat^k. O'Flinn "

At the meeting, held April 20, 1780, it was also agreed that in the future the fees to be according to the old rate viz: £3.5.0. in Gold, silver or Exchange.

April 25, 1780. Lodge of Emergency at the house of Bro. Gordon. Bro. Thomas Anderson being obliged to march with the Regiment to the Southward was passed to the degree of a F. C.

April 26, 1780. At an Emergency Lodge held at the house of Bezlin Bently, Bro. Anderson was raised to the Sublime degree of a M. M. and returned Thanks for the honor conferred upon him. Upon this occasion, the following visiting Brethren were present, evidently members of the Delaware Regiment, to which Bro. Anderson belonged:

² MSS., Vol. O, Fol. 19.

Election of Officers

Bro. Tresham	Bro. Purvis
“ Magee	“ Wilson
“ McWilliam	“ Montgomery
“ Skillington	“ P. Hackett
“ Jammison	“ J. Hackett
“ Roach	“ Truman.
“ Horseman	

May 19, 1780. Bro. Alexander Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden, visited the Lodge by order of the Grand Lodge. There were present upon this occasion

<i>Members present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. James Gilmore, M ^r	Bro. Hunter
“ Griffith Jordan	“ Magee
“ Robert Moore	“ Wade
“ George Gordon	“ Bush
“ George Hopes	“ Hackett
“ James Gamble	
“ Lucas Walraven	
“ James Simpson	
“ Pat ^k . O’Flinn	
“ Kean	
“ Broome	
“ McCullough	
“ Montgomery	

June 24, 1780. This being St. John’s Day the members met at the house of Bro McCullough in Wilmington when the following Officers were unanimously chosen, viz:

Bro. Pat ^k O’Flinn, Master
“ Thomas Kean, Sen ^r Warden
“ Griffith Jordan, Jun. Warden
“ James Francis, Sen ^r Deacon
“ Robert Moore, Jun ^r Deacon
“ Jacob Broome, Secretary & Treasurer

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The Brethren dined together and parted at 5 O'Clock in great Harmony.

Oct 19, 1780, Monthly night. Previous to the closing of this Lodge it is Unanimously agreed that Lodge N°. 14 shall meet at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon in future and open precisely at 3 O'Clock.

At this meeting Bro. John Nowland paid his fees £3.5.0 Hard or Exchange, with 650 Dollars as an Equivalent

November 16, 1780. At the "Monthly Night Lodge" held at the house of Bezlin Bently. The persons appointed to enquire into the Character of John Frame report that in their opinion it would be best that no proceedings should be towards admitting him into Lodge N°. 14 at this Time.

Previous to closing Lodge N°. 14 agreed that the members absent at the Hour of 3 O'Clock on Lodge Days, or absenting themselves without leave before the Lodge is closed do pay the fine of One Shilling Specie or other Money equivalent to be paid at their next meeting the Lodge.

December 21, 1780, being Monthly Day, ordered by the Worshipful Master that Summonses be issued by Br Sect^r to the Brethren of this Lodge requiring their attendance next St. John's Day at this place at three O'clock P. M.; Also Ordered that Brother Sect^r draw a fair Copy of the proceedings of this Lodge Commencing the 27th of December last & have the same ready to lay before this Lodge at their next meeting the 27th instant.

January 18, 1781. The Secretary is desired to open an Acct. against every Brother of this Lodge respectively and charge each Brother with 1/p Month or Money equivalent, and collect the same as soon as convenient, to commence from the time they entered.

June 21, 1781. Met at the House of Bezlin Bentley. Ordered that the Secretary Summon the Brethren to attend at

Minutes of Lodge No. 14, A. U. M.

Bezlin Bentley's on Monday next at 6 O'Clock P. M. to elect Officers and appoint a Deputation to visit on the Grand Lodge

June 25, 1781. Lodge N^o. 14 met at the House of Bezlin Bentley. The Brethren being present in the Lodge an Election was opened for Officers when the following Brethren were chosen for the ensuing Six Months, viz:

- Brother Thomas Kean Esq^r. Unanimously chosen Master
- “ Griffith Jordan Sen^r Warden
- “ Jacob Broom Jun^r Warden
- “ Francis Robinson Sect^r
- “ Joseph Stidham Treasurer.
- “ Lucas Walraven S. D.
- “ Jn^o. Nowland, J. D.

Ordered That the Worshipful Master elect, the Treasurer and Secretary be appointed to meet at the House of Capt. O'Flinn on Thursday evening next at 5 O'Clock to settle the Accompts of the two former Treasurers and the balances if any in their Hands to be paid into the Hands of Brother Stidham present Treasurer. Before the Brethren Departed, they returned their Sincere Thanks to Past M^r. for his great Zeal and care of his Lodge.

December 18, 1781. Lodge N^o. 14 Met at the House of Bezaleel Bently's Being on Account of Brother Matthew Whitehead Grand Junior Warden having something from the Grand Lodge to lay before this Lodge.

Members present

- The Worshipfull Thomas Kean, Master
- Bro. Griffith Jordan Sen Warden
- “ Patrick O'Flinn, Junior Warden
- “ Abija Phillips Sen. Deacon
- “ Joseph Stedham Junior Deacon Pro. Tem.

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Members present.

- Bro. Francis Robinson, Secretary
- “ James Gilmer
- “ William Pluright
- “ John Clash, Visiting Brother

An Entered Apprentice Lodge Opened in due form wherein we Received the Benefit of a Short Lecture. Entered Apprentice Lodge Closed and a Master Masons Lodge was Opened, Brother Matthew Whitehead being Grand Junior Warden with two Past Masters thought it his duty to Install Brother Thomas Kean Master of this Lodge. Master Masons Lodge Closed in Great Harmony at 9 O’Clock Untill our next stated Lodge Night.

December 20, 1781. Lodge met at the House of Bazaleel Bently. It was ordered that Brother Kean Master Elect & Brother Jordan & Brother Robinson, Wardens, should attend the Grand Communication to be held at Philadelphia the 24th of December Instant. Lodge closed in Great Harmony untill the third Thursday in January 1782.

January y^e 17th 1782. Monthly Meeting. It appears by the Minutes of Last Lodge Night that the Worshipfull Master and Wardens of this Lodge were appointed to attend the Grand Communication to be held at Philadelphia the 24th of December last. They now Report that Neither of them Could attend they Being very unwell.

April 18, 1782. Lodge No. 14 Opened at the House of Bezaleel Bently. Master Masons was Opened & a note was Presented to the Chair from Jeremia Packer & Charles Cook, Masters of two Flagg Vessels Lying in this Harbour for Permission to Spend the Evening with the Worshipfull Master and Brethren of this Lodge, after Just Examination by Brother Jordan & Brother Patteson being found to be Master Masons they were admitted.

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May 16, 1782, Lodge met at their usual place

Members present

Worshipfull Thomas Kean Master
Bro. Griffith Jordan Sen^r. Warden
“ Francis Robinson Jun^r. Warden
“ James Simpson Sen^r. Deacon
“ Joseph Shallcross Jun^r. Deacon P. T.
“ Patrick O’Flinn
“ James Gilmer
“ John Shallcross
“ Jacob Brown
“ William Pluright
“ Robert Moore
“ Edward Armstrong
“ Thomas Jones, Tyler
“ Alexander Montgomery, Visitor.

The By-Laws of this Lodge was Read by the Secretary and signed by thirteen members Present.

The Secretary being ordered to State the Accoumpts of the Lodge and Deliver in for the Inspection of the Members of this night’s meeting, being obliged to go from home was Prevented from that very necessary Business, it is now Directed that Brother Francis Robinson assist the Brother heretofore appointed for that service and that the Accoumpts be Punctually made out and Laid before this Lodge at their next Lodge night.

June 20th 1782. This being the Stated Lodge night next before Saint John’s Day the Following Brethren were Unanimously Chosen Officers to serve the following six months, viz: The Worshipfull Thomas Kean, Master; Brother Griffith Jordan, Senior Warden; Brother Francis Robinson, Jun^r Warden; Brother Lucas Walraven, Sen^r Deacon. Brother James Simpson Jun^r Deacon; Brother Joseph Stedham, Secretary; Brother William Pluright, Treasurer; Brother James

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Montgomery a Member of this Lodge and Living at a great Distance and not being likely to have an opportunity of Regularly attending, applies for a Certificate, the Secretary is ordered to get one Prepared as soon as Convenient, as he Expects to leave this place on Monday or Tuesday next, Lodge Closed in Great Harmony and Due form

Aug. 15, 1782. Last Lodge Night some of the Brethren Mett but not being a sufficient number to form a Lodge no business was done.

Brother William Pluright rendered an Account of the Expense in procuring Collums for the use of the Lodge the Amount of which was four pounds four shillings and four pence which he is directed to pay out of the stock of this Lodge.

October 17, 1782. The Lodge directed the Sec^{ry} to give notice to all the members that is within his knowledge and has been absent for three Months past or More that they attend at next Monthly Meeting under the penalty of Excommunication or shew sufficient cause at next half year meeting for their neglect.

April 4, 1783. Master Masons Lodge opened in due form at the usual place. Bro. William Meally who had been entered and passed some Time since but being absent and detained by sickness now attends for further admission and is admitted and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

June 19, 1783. Master Masons Lodge opened & proceeded to choose Officers for the next six Months to come, when Griffith Jordan was chosen Master, Bro. Robinson, Sen^r Warden; Bro. Pluright Jun^r Warden; Bro. Shallcross Sen^r Deacon; Bro. Beard Jun^r Deacon; Bro. Moore, Sect^y; Bro. Broome Treasurer. Master Masons Lodge closed.

July 17, 1783. The Committee reported that they have enquired M^r Joseph Capell's Character and found him to be

a Gentleman of reputation whereupon he was ballotted for and approved of, and received the benefit of an entered Apprentice's Step.

Dec^r 18, 1783. The members present proceeded to choose Officers for the ensuing six Months, when Griffith Jordan was unanimously re-elected Master; Francis Robinson Sen^r Warden; William Pluright Jun^r Warden; Joseph Shallcross Sen^r Deacon; Absalom Beard, Jun^r Deacon; Jacob Broome, Treasurer; and Robert Moore, Sect^y.

The past Masters present, viz: Brother Thomas Shields Visiting Brother; B^r Gilmer and Brother Kean considered it to be their Duty to Install Bro. Jordan as Master of this Lodge and he was accordingly installed. Saturday the 27th of this instant being the Day appointed by the Grand Communication, the Worshipful Master and Wardens or any two of them are appointed to attend the same.

The Members of this Lodge are requested to be punctual in paying in their Arrearages due to the Treasurer to enable the Worshipful and Wardens to settle their Dues to the Grand Lodge.

January, 15, 1784. Major John Craig who had been regularly entered & passed was raised to the sublime degree of a master mason. The worshipful Master attended the grand communication last St. Johns day & paid the sum of six pound sixteen shillings & eight pence for which he received a receipt & delivered to the Secretary. The Worshipful Master also bought six of the American editions of the constitution of Masonry at five shillings each.

March 18, 1784. Entered Apprentices Lodge opened when the petitions of Mess^{rs} Edw Gilpin & Tho^s Mendenhall were read when the members present unanimously agreed that they should be ballotted for, as they were obliged to go abroad before the time limited for that purpose by the Constitution.

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Therefore they were balloted for, approved of, receiv'd the benefit of the entered apprentice's Step. Bros. Pluright & Murdock are appointed to instruct the two new Brothers.

June 17, 1784. It appearing that it would contribute greatly to the credit of the Society that the place of Meeting should be removed to a private House & it being reported to the Lodge by Brothers Robinson & Rey that proposals have been made to them by M^{rs}. Montgomery to Rent the Lodge the use of two Rooms & a closet in her House at the Rate of six pounds p^r Ann: that they have examined the same & find them convenient & every way suitable it is resolved that Bro. Rey be requested to conclude the bargain with her as afore-said & that the Lodge be held there in future. Bro John Shallcross was appointed Steward & requested to provide refreshments for the use of the Society.

October 21, 1784. The House of M^{rs} Montgomery not proving satisfactory the Lodge returned to the old stand and upon the report of Bro. Pluright that a more suitable place than M^r Bently's cannot be procured at this time.

November 25, 1784. Thursday Night the 18th was the Stated Lodge Night but the weather being uncommonly bad prevented the members from attending

Here ends the Minutes of the Lodge in our possession. It appears that some trouble arose between the Brethren, which was brought to the notice of the Grand Master, and upon his advice it was referred back to the Lodge, which sent the following communication:

"WILMINGTON Feb. 29th. 1786

"Sir

"According to the Request of Our Grand Master I Lade the Matter Before Our Lodge & the Inclosed Will let you see thare Desire therefore I shall thank you have it lade before your Grand Lodge

that We may as Brethren Come to Live in harmony with one a
Nother which is the Desire of your Sinseere Brother

“FRAN^s. ROBINSON”

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER AND GRAND LODGE
OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND AC-
CEPTED MASONS IN PHILADELPHIA

“The Petition of the Master and Brethren of Lodge N^o. 14
established in the Borough of Wilmington sheweth that some un-
happy differences have arisen to disturb the harmony of this lodge,
which have proceeded to so great a length that some of the Brethren
have for some time totally absented themselves from their duty in
the lodge

“your petitioners therefore pray that the Worshipful Grand
Lodge will take the premises into their consideration and take such
steps for quieting these dissensions as to their wisdom shall seem fit

“and your petitioners, as in duty bound shall ever pray

this 23 rd . of Feb ^y . 5786	}	“W ^m . PLURIGHT <i>Master</i>
“Dated at Wilmington		JO ^s . STEDHAM <i>Sen^r. Warden</i>
FRAN ^s . ROBINSON, <i>Sec^y.”</i>		T ^h . CAPELLE <i>Jr. Warden</i> ”

March 27, 1786. This was read before the Grand Lodge,
whereupon “Bro. Gavin Hamilton was appointed to visit and
convene the said Lodge together, inquire into their differences,
and to use his best endeavors to unite them in Love and Har-
mony. Bro Hamilton, going southward, was also requested to
wait on the several Lodges, which was in his power, and to
inquire into the state of their affairs and make report to the
Grand Lodge.”¹

On the memorable 25th day of September, when the Inde-
pendence of the Grand Lodge was decided on, Lodge 14 was
represented by Bro. P. M. Francis Robinson of Wilmington.

Early in December, 1788, the following petition was sent
to the Grand Lodge, soliciting a renewal of their warrant
under the Independent Grand Lodge.

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 90.

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“Wilmington, Nov. 29. 1788

“Right Worshipful and Brethren.

“The Lodge N^o. 14 in this Borough of which I have the honor at present to be master, at their last meeting, appointed Brothers Francis Robinson, William Pluright, and Abram Baily or any two of them, a Committee to wait on your Right Worshipful body, and request a renewal of their charter, under your independent constitution. The terms upon which they expect it, and which I trust will appear reasonable to you, are a discharge of all former arrears due to the grand lodge, the renewal of our charter without any expence, and the return of our old charter, which they wish to retain among their archives, as an old and respectable monument. Hoping that you will not object to these terms, I have entrusted our charter to the above-mentioned brethren for your inspection. The present officers are Patrick Murdock, Master; David Bush, M.D. Senior Warden; and Jonas Alritch, Junior Warden.

“With every sentiment of fraternal affection, I remain your affectionate Brother

“P. MURDOCK, *Master of Lodge N^o. 14.*”

This petition was read before Grand Lodge, December 15, 1788, whereupon it was ordered that their request be complied with, leaving it to themselves to do what is most agreeable to them respecting arrears, and the Secretary is ordered to prepare the same.

January 20, 1789, the following acknowledgment was sent to the Grand Lodge:

“WILMINGTON Jan^y. 20th 1789

“*Right W. G. Master*

“The Lodge N^o. 14 being informed that their Petition for a new Warrant under the new Constitution is granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hath directed their thanks through me, to be returned to that Right Worshipful Body through you.

“At the same time, they desire to Congratulate you on your appointment to the high office of Grand Master; an appointment that is highly agreeable to this Lodge, as they are personally acquainted with your Merit & Zeal for the Craft.

“In behalf of the W. Master P. Murdock, & the Brethren of this

Bro. Rutherford's Jewels

Lodge I conclude Right Worshipfull, with every Sentiment of duty and respect

“Your affectionate Brother

“DAN^l. J. ADAM *Secretary*

“MASTER PATRICK MURDOCK

DAVID BUSH *Sen^r. Warden*

JONAS ALRICKS *Ju^r. Warden*

“Wilmington renewed

Jan^y. 21 1789”

December 14, 1789. A petition was presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Rutherford, in reference to Lodge N^o. 14 of Wilmington, in Newcastle County, “in having furnished them with and loaned to them jewels which they had not returned or made him any Compensation for, Directed, that a Citation issue from this Grand Lodge to the Master of Lodge N^o. 14, commanding him to appear at the next Quarterly Communication to answer the complaint of Bro. Rutherford, and that a copy of said Complaint accompany said Citation.”

This citation was answered with a letter from Sam^l J. Adams, January 21, 1790.²

Under date of September 6, 1790, the following minute appears in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge:

September 6, 1790. “Bro. Gavin, Master of Lodge N^o. 14, held at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, having attended agreeably to the Summons of this Grand Lodge, in Consequence of a former resolve to answer the Complaint made by Bro. Alexander Rutherford, concerning some jewels by him lent about Twenty Years ago to Lodge N^o. 14, and Whereas, after having heard the respective parties, it has appeared that the said Jewels were lent to a Lodge now extinct, and that the present Lodge N^o. 14 have received no Benefit of the said Jewels, and have no property belonging to the said extinct Lodge, Resolved, That the said Present Lodge N^o. 14 are not answerable for the Claim made to them by Bro. Rutherford.”

² Petition and all correspondence in Archives of Grand Lodge, MSS., Vol. O, folios 23, 24, 25. Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 125.

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The warrant of Lodge No. 14 was finally vacated September 15, 1806, for unmasonic proceedings in the establishment of the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware.³

MEMBERS OF LODGE N^o. 14, HELD AT CHRISTIANA FERRY, DELAWARE.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>When Initiated.</i>
Thomas Kean	
James Gilmore	
John Herdman	
Robert Moore	
James McRory	Jan. 20, 1780.
Griffith Jordan	
Patrick O'Flinn	
James Simpson	April 20, 1780.
Lucas Walraven	April 20, 1780.
James McCullough	June 15, 1780.
Jacob Moore	
Edward Armstrong	July 20, 1780.
Francis Robinson	Feb. 15, 1781.
Joseph Stidham	Feb. 15, 1781.
John Nowland	Oct. 19, 1780.
George Gordon	
Abijah Phillips	Jan. 20, 1780.
James Francis	Jan. 20, 1780.
James Gamble	Jan. 20, 1780.
George Hopes	Feb. 17, 1780.
John Carson	Feb. 17, 1780.
Thomas Anderson	April 20, 1780.
John Henry	May 19, 1780.
Caleb Bennett	Dec. 21, 1780.
William Pluright	July 19, 1781.
Joseph Shallcross	Sept. 20, 1781.
John Shallcross	Feb. 21, 1782.
Gunning Bedford	Mar. 21, 1782.
William Meally	April 18, 1782.
Joseph Gilpin	May 16, 1782.
James Montgomery	
Elisha Brown	Sep. 19, 1782.

³ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 150.



Caleb P. Bennett

BRO. CALEB PREW BENNETT.

B. KENNETT TOWNSHIP, CHESTER CO., PA., NOVEMBER 11, 1758.
D. WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, MAY 9, 1836.



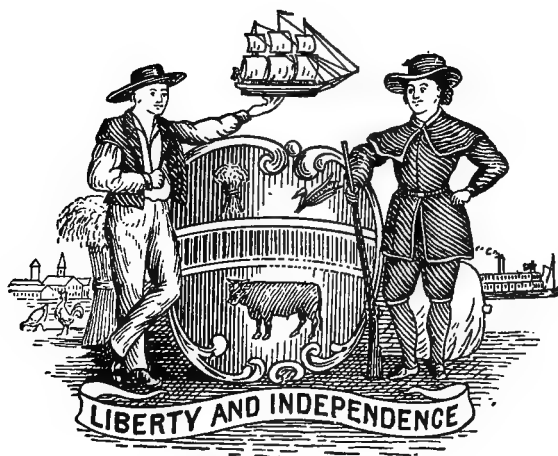
Gunning Bedford

BRO. GUNNING BEDFORD.

B. PHILADELPHIA ABOUT 1730.
D. NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1797.

Members of Lodge No. 14, A. M. M.

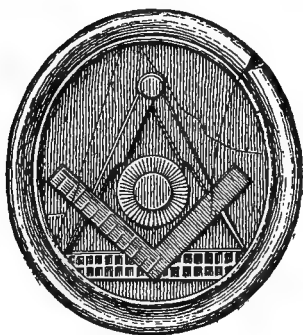
John James	Sep. 19, 1782.
Absolom Baird	Sep. 19, 1782.
Peter Evans	Jan. 16, 1783.
John Clark	Mar. 20, 1783.
Andrew Ray	Mar. 20, 1783.
Patrick Murdock	June 19, 1783.
Joseph Capell	July 17, 1783.
John Craig	Oct. 16, 1783.
Edward Gilpin	Mar. 18, 1784.
Thomas Mendenhall	Mar. 18, 1784.
Lewis Dorsiere	June 17, 1784.
James Knowles	July 15, 1784.
Thomas	July 15, 1784.
Walter Williamson	Aug. 19, 1784.
John Filson	Dec. 16, 1784.
David Bush	Dec. 16, 1784.





CHAPTER XXI.

LODGE NO. 15, A. Y. M., HELD AT FELS POINT,
(BALTIMORE COUNTY), MARYLAND.



“A WARRANT from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, held at the City of Philadelphia for the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging, was granted the Twenty-Eighth day of June A. L. 5770, and directed to Our Worshipful Brother John Wale

Master, Archibald Philips Senior and Peter Gardner Junior Wardens, empowering them and their Successors forever to Congregate and hold a Lodge of the Brethren at Baltimore Town, in the County of Baltimore and Province of Maryland.”

This Lodge was erected at Fell's Point, then the eastern end of Baltimore City, and on the north side of the Basin. The Lodge was opened with a roll call by the Secretary, and every member who did not answer to his name was fined one shilling. From an old set of By-Laws¹ of Lodge N° 15, we find

¹“History of Freemasonry in Maryland,” Vol. 1, p. 55.

Rules and Regulations

the following regulations: “ Any Brother elected to an office and refusing to serve was fined Three Pounds, or if he neglected his duty could be removed from his office. Every Brother was to pay Two Shillings and six pence per night. No Liquors were to be called for, Made or Drank in Lodge hours without Liberty from the Chair.

“Any Brother who shall Hiss, Prophanely Speak or otherwise Misbehave, at or in the Lodge was to be reprimanded from the Chair and fined two Shillings which went to the Charity Fund.

“Any Brother who came to the Lodge without clean linen and decent clothing was to be ordered to withdraw by the Chair. No private Conferences were to be held during Lodge hours, nor were the Brethren to move about in their seats. The youngest Brother was to Tile and serve Summonses.”

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge held December 21, 1779, the following letter was read from Lodge No. 15, and “approved as satisfactory.”

“BALTIMORE TOWN Dec^r 15 A. L. 5779.

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL GRAND MASTER GRAND WARDENS,
THE REST OF THE OFFICERS AND WORTHY BRETHREN OF THE
GRAND LODGE IN PHILADELPHIA:

“We the Master, Wardens, and other Officers appointed as a Committee by the Body of Free and Accepted Masons of Lodge N^o. 15 of Baltimore Town in Regular Lodge assembled, having Received a Letter from the Grand Lodge Requesting our attendance at your General Communication to be held on Monday the 20th Instant in the City of Philadelphia—Are heartily sorry we cannot comply with the Requisites therein Contain’d at present, Owing to the short notice we had on the Occasion, the distance of the Place and the Season of the Year, as we could not send our Warrant by one of our Members in person for Reasons above mentioned—We thought it unsafe to send it by the Post or by any stranger not introduced into our Ancient and Hon^{ble} Society. With Respect to our Book of Transactions, Our Body at the Commencement of those Difficult times was dispers^d. to different parts of the World, some of

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them being of one Opinion & others of another with respect to politics, so that the Lodge was in a great Measure deserted unless by four or five Members that made a point of meeting twice a year namely on our Grand Festivals but since times has seemed to brighten up We mean about the Festival of St. John the Baptist A. L. 5778 and our Lodge being moved to a Respectable House and after that to a Room of our own which we now Occupy, Our Body since that era has increas^d. to a Considerable Number, Chiefly Compos^d. of Creditable Mechanicks, & Masters of Vessels from the aforesaid date Viz June 24th A. L. 5778 We have kept a Regular Book of Transactions, which with the Warrant shall be transmitted by some Member of our Body by the very first Opportunity. We hope whatever our Arrears may be—due to the Grand Lodge will be made known to us by the same conveyance as that of N^o. 16 of this Town, which with every other Requisite shall be chearfully complied with and Transmitted to your Order with all convenient dispatch. We just mention and hope it will be Construed as some Mittigation of our default, upwards of a year ago B^r. William Jacobs then Presiding Master of our Body wrote to Blathwate Jones Esq^r. the Gentleman he supposed to be the Deputy Grand Master at that time and Representative of our Body, setting forth the Situation of our Lodge and Requesting an Account of our Arrears due to the Grand Lodge and the Method to Convey it, but never had the pleasure of Receiving any answer. We hope this will be a sufficient apology for our not attending your Communication in Person, But B^r. Robert Moore has wrote to B^r. Nicholas Barnard who is Appointed by N^o. 16, to Represent their Lodge and as the Members of our Lodge is but little acquainted with the Brethren in Philad^a he our said B^r. Moore has been kind enough to Request B^r. Bernard to make Choice of some Worthy Brother to Represent our Lodge N^o. 15. If his Choice meet with the Approbation of the Grand Officers it will give us the highest satisfaction, We Conclude with wishing success and prosperity to Masonry in General and the Grand Lodge in particular, In behalf of myself the other Officers & Brethren of N^o. 15. I remain your affect^t Brother

“ABRAHAM JACKSON *Master*

ROBERT GOULD *Secretary*”

At a Grand Lodge, held *June 22, 1780*, was read the following letter to the Grand Master from the Master of No. 15, Fell's Point, Baltimore County, “offering Reasons which were satisfactory for their late neglect of sundry Duties to this

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Grand Lodge, which their Situation prevented them from attending to, and promising all possible attention and duty in future.”²

“TO THE WORSHIPFULL GRAND MASTER GRAND WARDENS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS THEREUNTO BELONGING—”³

“We the Master Wardens and Other Members of N^o. 15 Under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia and for the Terrotories thereunto belonging. Do Return you our hearty and sincere thanks for the Honour you have done us for Continuing our Lodge N^o. 15 in your List of Lodges being well assured we did not (tho not for want of Inclination or good will to masonry.) pay that Regard to your Respectable Body we ought to have done— We have nothing to offer in our favour, more then that a Letter was sent and Directed to the Superintendant Grand Master and other Grand Officers last S^t. John the Evangelist’s day setting forth the situation of our Lodge as well as at that time could be Collected, Numbers of our Members being then absent and still continues, Replete with Gratitude for so great an Indulgence, We the Resident Members herewith send you a List of our Names and likewise those that is absent which is marked thus with (a). On last S^t. John the Evangelist’s Day our Body was at a Great loss being altogeather unacquainted with any of the Members of your Honorable Body and was obliged to make application to B^r. Rob^t. Moore of N^o. 16 This Town he being well acquainted in the City of Philad^a. who Accordingly wrote to his friend B^r. Bernard who was kind enough to desire our worthy B^r. Will^m. Shoot to represent our Body N^o. 15 in the Grand Lodge for the honour he did us we Return him our sincere and hearty thanks, as two of our members at this time has the honour of being well acquainted with B^r. John Coats Esq^r. who is now appointed Deputy Grand Master—they have wrote to that Gentleman Requesting that he would do us the Honor to Represent this our Body in your Honourable Lodge and if he should be so good as to take the Trouble upon him, he will have sent by the same Post full power to Act in every Circumstance with Respect to the Arrears &c. at this time due by N^o. 15 and the Right worshipfull Master & other Officers of the Grand Lodge may Depend on our

² Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I, p. 26.

³ MSS., Vol. H, paquet 84, folio 6.

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entire obedience to every order that may be Issued by the Grand Lodge in future to all Intents & purposes, wishing success and Prosperity to masonry in General and the Grand Lodge in perticular. I am with the most perfect Esteem "Your affectionate Brother

"Fells Point
Baltimore Town
June 13th 1780" }

"WILLIAM RAE, Master N^o. 15"

December 18, 1780. The Lodge promises to send a further report as soon as possible, and agrees to take 24 Constitution books.

December 23, 1782. At the Communication of the Grand Lodge Bro. James Tobbet, Master of No. 15, having appointed Bro. Hand to represent the said Lodge, the same was admitted.

Hence the Lodge was represented at most all of the Grand Communications until December 18, 1789.

The warrant of Lodge No. 15 was finally surrendered May 3, 1790, and the Brethren affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and became known as Washington Lodge, No. 3, which is in existence to the present day, and is therefore the oldest Lodge in the State of Maryland.⁴

A LIST OF MEMBERS OF LODGE N^o. 15 HELD ON FELLS POINT BALTIMORE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND: N.B.—ABSENT MEMBERS MARK'D THUS (A)

William Rae	John Trimblea
William Jacob	John Martina
James Tibbitt	John Cannona
Philemon Downes	Duncan Carmichaela
John Steel	John Walea
Abraham Jackson	Hugh Stuarta
James Forbes	Thomas Constablea
John Howell	James Hamiltona
Kingsley Millerd	R. Stuarta
Robert Gould	John Steela
John Hall	R Caulfielda
William Wand	William Hayesa
James Sackett	Gabriel Kingsburya

⁴ *Vide* p. 156 *supra*.

Roster of Lodge No. 15, A. H. M.

Jonathan Hall	Jon ^a . Buffingtona
Brittingham Dickeson	Benjamin Kirbeya
Samuel Burtis	Christ ⁿ . Birminghama
John Guin	Phillip Thomasa
Thomas Hays	Peter Watersa
Luke Matthewman	Ralph Hamiltona
Henry Lisby	Colior Fountaina
Andrew Willson	Newton Cannona
William Johnson	William Fella
George James	William Greena
Benjamin Locksly	George Harrisona
Tobias Standsbury	Tho ^a . Pool Williamsa
Thomas Potter	John Bulla
John Proctor	William Jonesa
John Cowart	Francis Hodsona
William Coward	Norm ⁿ . Carlilea
Speden Brumwell	
John Giffort	
Cornelius Ganotson	
Frederick Folger	
John Lindenburgher	
Richard Coward	
Ralph Storey	
Isaiah Cohoon	
John Haydon	
William Castor	
Edward McFarlin	
Thorndiek Chace	
James Service	
John Stewart	
John Mitchell	
Rob ^t . French	
George Helms	
James Tate	

A true List

W^m RAE, *Master No. 15*

Endorsed on back

St. John the Baptist's Day 1780.⁵

Among the Manuscripts in the Archives of the Grand

⁵ Cf. MSS., Vol. H, paquet 84, folio 3.

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Lodge, we have a number of applications for Grand Lodge Certificates from Members of Lodge No. 15, viz.:

James Tate, July 1, 1779.

Alexander Dromgoole, December 4, 1787.⁶

Edward McFarling, June, 1781.

John Stewart, June 12, 1780.

William Rae, September 6, 1781.

John Caughey, September 5, 1781.

James T. Service, December 5, 1780.

William Johnson, December 12, 1780.

"Sitt Lux } "And the Darkness comprehended it not."
et Lux fuit }

"We the Master, Wardens and Fellow Members of Lodge N^o. 15 held at Fells Point Baltimore Town in the State of Maryland By Virtue of a Warrant to this body granted under the Authority of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia do hereby Certifie that the under-mentioned brethren namely William Jacob, John Steele, Jn^o. Darley, John Cowart, Rob^t. French were all Regular Registered Ancient York Masons they all being regularly Initiated in the three principalls with us and have paid all dues demanded Of them both to our Lodge & to the Grand we therefore recommend them as worthy Brothers having the good of the Craft at heart—They each of them being desirous of a Grand Certificate from the Grand Lodge by the hands of our worthy Brother William Sellers, the Bearer hereof who will satisfie you for each of the same.

"Given under our hands & Seal of Our Lodge at our Lodge Chamber Assembled at Fells Point Balt^{re}. this Second day of May 1781 and in the year of Masonry A. L. 5781

"JNO. COWART, Secretary	"JAMES TIBBITT, M st .
WILLIAM JACOB } P.M ^s .	ROB ^t . FRENCH S. W.
WILLIAM RAE }	GEO. JAMES, Treas ^r .
	THO ^s . CONSTABLE, J. W.

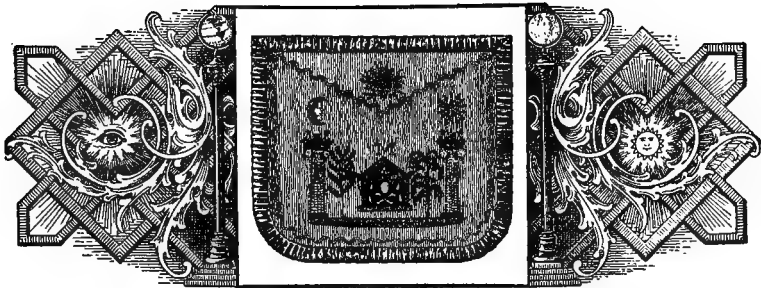
"N. B.—As Br. Sellers has declin^d. going to Philadelphia according to Expectation Br. French is appointed to Transact this Business by order of the Master

"April 21, 1781.

"JOHN COWART, Sec^y."

⁶ MSS., Vol. K, folio 26-27.

⁷ MSS., Vol. J, folio 37 *et seq.*



CHAPTER XXII.

LODGE NO. 16, A. Y. M., HELD AT BALTIMORE-TOWN, MARYLAND.



LODGE Number 16 was the fourth Lodge warranted by Grand Master William Ball, to be held in Maryland, under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The warrant was dated September 21, 1770,¹ and was located at Baltimore.

It is not known when application was made for the same: and it appears there was also doubt about the regularity of its issue. The Grand Lodge when they reconvened after the evacuation by the British, ordered the Lodge to produce their warrant for examination. This was done at the Communication of the Grand Lodge, December 21, 1779, and upon examination was found to be legal and genuine, bearing the date Sept. 21, 1770.

¹ The date of the warrant, September 21, 1779, given in the Reprint of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is an error. By reference to the Rough Minutes (Vol. 164 in Archives) it will be plainly seen that this date is a clerical error, and should have been 1770 and not 1779. See also "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," Vol. I, p. 59. Also Roll-Book, 1773-1781.

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The first officers of Lodge No. 16 were ·

Bro. Thomas Russell, Master,
“ John Coulter, Sen. Warden,
“ William Rae, Secretary.

At the same time, following letter was received and read:²

“TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER, WARDENS &
BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE MASONS, IN
PHILA.

“*Worthy Breth*^h

A few days since I was presented with a letter from your respectable body, having the honor at present to preside as Master of Lodge No. 16, I immediately ordered a lodge to be called, when all due respect was paid to your requisitions & directions, but am sorry to inform you it is by no means within the Compass of our power to comply so fully with them as we most ardently Wish for my own part could I accomplish it it would give me infinite pleasure to have the honor of attending the grand lodge—our Sen^r Warden Doct^r John Coulter was under the necessity of setting out on a journey to y^e Nivard on business of importance, that also prevents him having the honor of attending on the day appointed—our book of transactions shall be forwarded in a few days by broth^r W. Rae, our Secretary—as it appears Customary & Constitut^l for Lodges at a distance to appoint some worthy master Mason to represent them in the Grand Lodge, at the recommendation of brother R. Moore we have unanimously chosen broth^r Nicholas Bernard to represent Lodge No. 16 which we hope may be approved of, he will be instructed to pay all due acknowledgm^{ts} from this lodge, and we sincerely wish to maintain a dutiful & Constitution^l harmony with the Grand Lodge.

“I am with profound Respect

“Y^r Aff^e Broth^r & obed Serv^t

THOS. RUSSELL

“M. of L. No. 16

“Baltimore 15th Dec. 1779.”

The old roll book of Lodge No. 16, covering a period of eight years, is now deposited in the Maryland Historical So-

² MSS., Vol. O, paquet 85, folio 3.

ciety.³ The entries begin May 17, 1773, and end November 20, 1781.

December 18, 1780. A year after the presentation of their old warrant, Lodge No. 16, the Lodge by their Proxy, offered to take 15 Constitution books, and make a proper return of their Members and dues by the next Communication.

March 29, 1784. Bro. Howell, reported to the Grand Lodge that he had received from Bro. Bernard six pounds, on account of the dues of Lodge No. 16.

December 6, 1790. Bro. Gardette, who had been appointed by the R. W. G. Master to visit Lodge No. 16, presented his report, which was read,

Whereupon Motion and Seconded, the Committee on Correspondence was directed to write a letter to the R. W. G. Lodge of Maryland, informing them of the Situation of this Grand Lodge, and also of the Proceedings of Lodge No. 16.

It is not known just when the warrant of Lodge No. 16 was surrendered or vacated. The Lodge, however, did not participate in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1787. Nor did they come under its jurisdiction until about the year 1795, when a number of its members applied for and received a warrant for St. John's Lodge, No. 20.⁴

The following application for a Grand Lodge Certificate from Lodge No. 16, has been found among our Archives:⁵

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE
MASONS IN PHILADELPHIA—

"This is to Certifie that Brother John Hunt is a Regular Registered Master Mason in our Lodge N^o. 16 and during his stay amongst

³"History of Freemasonry in Maryland," Vol. I, pp. 59-60.

⁴*Ibid.*, Vol. I, pp. 232-233, 302.

⁵MSS., Vol. J, paquet 54, folio 44.

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us has behaved himself with Decency and in every Respect as becomes a true and faithfull Brother

"THOMAS RUSSELL, M^r."

"P.S. As Brother Hunt is going abroad
for a season he requestes to be favored
with a Grand Certificate.
"NICH. RUXTON MOORE, Secr^y. P. T." }

LIST OF MEMBERS OF BALTIMORE LODGE, N^o. 16, TAKEN FROM A
ROSTER DEPOSITED IN THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. DATE OF
FIRST INITIATION MAY 17, 1773, DATE OF LAST, NOVEMBER 20, 1781.

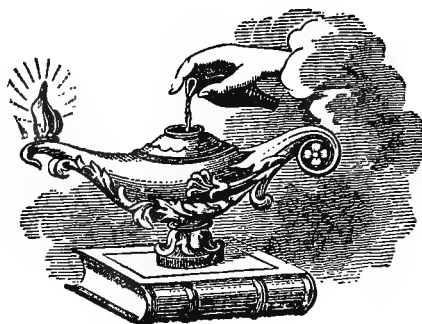
Robert Moore,
Alex'r Stenhouse,
Charles F. Wiesenthal,
John Boyd,
James Somervell,
Alex'r McMechan,
Ivie Hair,
Alex'r Cowan,
Eben'r Machie,
Sam'l Hay,
Jonathan Plowman,
Thomas Branton,
Thos. Ewing,
Mordecai Gist, *General*,
Robert Porttens,
Christopher Hughes,
George Mathews,
Thomas Russell,
Alexander Donaldson,
William Beard,
John McClure,
Thomas Jones,
John Kennedy,
Jacob Hart,
Joseph Baxter,
John Coulter,
Joseph Butler,
Walter Muse,
James Campbell,

Nathaniel Ramsey,
Edward Booker,
St. George Peale,
Andrew Vass,
Stephen Decatur,
John Smith,
James Nicholson,
David Stewart,
David Williamson,
Arch'd Gamble,
John McHenry,
Renalds Johnson,
David Harris,
Lloyd Goodwin,
Walter Roe,
John Nicholson,
Nicholas R. Moore,
William Taylor,
Mark Pringle,
Robert Gilmor,
John Mitchell,
John Hunt,
Mathew Ridley,
Robert Dorsey,
William Russell,
Daniel Bowley,
Richard Ridgley,
Sam'l Hughes,
Daniel Hughes,

Members of Lodge No. 16, A. U. W.

John Powell,
James Round Morris,
John Hay,
James Handy,
Nathan Dorsey,
Francis Muir,
George Turnbull,
Holton Johnson,
Aquilla Johns,
David McMechan,

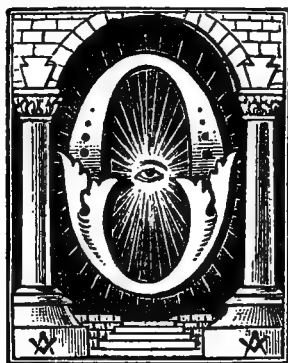
John Swan,
Arch'd Monereiff,
Christopher Johnston,
Daniel Carroll,
John Stewart,
William Fitzhugh,
John Gale,
William Allender,
Geo. Goldsmith Presbury,
William Gadsgrace.





CHAPTER XXIII.

LODGE NO. 17, A. Y. M., HELD AT QUEENS TOWN
(QUEEN ANNES COUNTY), MARYLAND.



ON September 16, 1773, R. W. Grand Master Bro. William Ball of Pennsylvania, granted the fifth warrant for a Masonic Lodge to be held in the adjoining Province of Maryland. The Lodge was Number 17 upon the roster of Pennsylvania, and was to be held in "Queens Town, Queen Annes County in Maryland." This was a small town on Chesapeake Bay, about twenty miles east of Annapolis. In the warrant, the following Brethren were named as the officers of the new Lodge:

Bro. John Coats, W. M. (for a time Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, by whom this Lodge was organized).

Bro. John Barnes, Senior Warden.

Bro Christopher Jackson, Junior Warden.

Thus far no records of this old Lodge have been found in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The original warrant, however, together with some of the

early records, appear to have been preserved in Maryland. An abstract of the latter is published in Schultz's "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," from which following extracts are given.

The Lodge was organized October 21, 1773, when a number of petitions were received.

December 16, 1773. The Jewells, and warrant were paid for.

June 24, 1774. A procession was formed, and a sermon by Rev. Mr. Gordon at 12 O'Clock in the Court House, for which Mr. Gordon received £6.0.0.

August 25, 1774. A motion was made to move the Lodge to Chester Mill, a village on an inlet opening into Chesapeake Bay, now known as Centerville, and the county seat of Queen Ann County, Maryland.

This motion was adopted September 29, 1774, and the Lodge was moved to the house of George Hanson.

November 24, 1774. A Past Master's jewel, a pair of Silver compasses and a seal were procured at a cost of six pounds.

March 30, 1775. A motion was made by Bro. William Bruff for a regulation for a better securing temperance and sobriety of Lodge nights, and for the appointment of a steward to examine and keep account of the expenses of the night, which was unanimously agreed to.

January 28, 1776. A petition from Turcutt Wright was reported by Capt. James Kent. Ordered that Bro. Kent be reimbursed the sum of £3.0.0 which he expended in repairing the sword the property of this Lodge, the present of Brother Reardon Hutchings, for which this Lodge return their Thanks. The Lodge leant this sword to Brother Browne.

December 27, 1776. Ordered that Brother W^m Hopper be paid £3.15.0 by the Treasurer, for money advanced by him

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to Brother Andrews for a sermon preached on St. John the Baptist's Day, 1776, which was done.

May 29, 1777. Ordered that a sum of money not exceeding £24 be sent to Brother Samuel T. Wright, a distressed prisoner at New York.

July 15, 1779. Whereas this Lodge has not met for a long term of Time, whereby it has by the Constitution fallen, the Brothers have resolved to appoint a Committee to write to the Grand Master in Philadelphia to revive it, and for that purpose have appointed Brothers James Kent, William Bruff, Robert Wright and Robert Wilson. This committee met on the following Tuesday and drafted a Letter to William Ball, Esq. Grand Master, at Philadelphia.

This letter was read before the Grand Lodge July 29-1779, "Setting forth an Inconvenience they labor under by means of the late and present Exigencies of the times having prevented them from meeting for a considerable time, and requesting Advice and Instruction how to proceed.

"The matter was taken into consideration, and unanimously agreed that they be instructed to resume the proper Business of their Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary, pro tempore, do furnish them with proper Instructions together with a Copy of this Minute."¹

December 20, 1779. At the Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge was represented by Bro. Samuel Turbutt Wright, Sen. Warden, who contributed £112.10.0 to the Charity Fund.

The records of the old Lodge end abruptly with the entry of January 27, 1780. The Lodge however continued in existence, and participated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, a few years later, and became Number 4 of Maryland. The Lodge ceased about 1792.

¹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. I., p. 9.

Roster of Lodge No. 17, A. U. M.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 17, COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS.

John Coats, Jun'r,	W ^m Harrison,
Jn. Barnes,	John Downes,
Christo Jackson,	W ^m Jackson,
Phil Downes,	Edw'd Chetham,
Charles Gardiner,	Sam'l Vickery,
James Forrester,	Benj. Kirby,
James Browne,	Rich'd Johnson,
R't. Wilson,	Samuel Nicholson,
W ^m Bruff,	Gilbert Middleton,
James Gibson,	John Hawkins,
W. Tilloston,	John Feney,
James Kent, Capt.,	George Hanson,
Thomas Carradine,	Jas. Hutchings,
James Hopkins,	R. Gilchrist,
J. Cotter,	L. Wright,
W ^m Hopper,	Henry Downes, Jr.,
Thomas Lane Emory,	Richard Emory,
Sam'l Turbutt Wright,	Sam'l Wright Thomas,
John Cokehrane,	George Turnbull,
Thos. Harris,	Tureutt Wright,
Rev. John Andrews,	Jacob Ringgold,
Rd. Skinner,	James Pain,
Philip Feddeman,	John Hindman,
Jno. Chaires,	Henry Reiols,
Joseph Potter,	John Fendall.

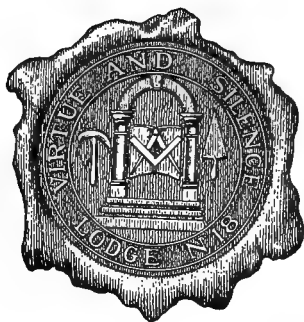


SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.



CHAPTER XXIV.

“LODGE NUMBER 18, A. Y. M., HELD AT DOVER,
DELAWARE, KENT COUNTY ON DELAWARE,
IN THE TERRITORIES OF THE PROVINCE
OF PENNSYLVANIA, ANNO DOMINI 1775,
ANNO MASONRY 5775”¹



“**W**HEREAS a certain
Warrant under the
Seal of the Grand
Lodge of Antient Masons held in
Philadelphia, in the Province of
Pennsylvania, bearing date the
Twenty Sixth day of August,
Anno Masonry Five Thousand
Seven hundred and Seventy Five,
whereof the Honorable William
Ball Esq. is Grand Master, was Granted, Appointing Mark
M^cCall, Master, George M^cCall, Sen^r Warden, and Henry Bell,
Ju^r Warden of and in a Lodge of Antient York Masons to be

¹ Extract from the Original Minutes of Lodge No. 18, A. Y. M. MSS.,
Vol. 121, in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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then after held in the Town of Dover, in the Territories of the said Province by the Number 18 &c.

“Thereby Authorizing them the said Mark McCall, George McCall and Henry Bell, and their and each of their Successors, from Time to Time, to convene at the Town of Dover and, and hold such Lodge, to make Free and Accepted Masons, and to determine of Masonry: according to the Antient Rules Usages and Customs &c. &c. &c.

“Therefore, by Virtue of the Warrant for No. 18 and, and agreeable to special Appointment of the Officers therein nominated. The said Lodge by the Number 18, was Opened and established, in the Town of Dover in the County of Kent on Delaware, on Wednesday October y^e 11th Anno Domini 1775, Anno Masonry 5775: at the Sign of General Washington,² in the following Manner & Form.

Visiting Brethren present

B^r. Alexand^r Rutherford...N^o. 2
B^r. Chas Pope.....N^o. 5
B^r. William Jordan.....N^o. 5
B^r. William Rees.....N^o. 5
B^r. Andrew Graham.....N^o. 6

Present

The Master Mark McCall
The S. W. B^r. George McCall

Visiting Brethren present

B^r. James Gilmore N^o. 14
B^r. Robert Beck N^o. 14
B^r. David Coupland a Traveller, a European Mason.
B^r. Andrew Butler, a forme Pass Master, Quebec.

“At the particular Request of the Master (Mark McCall) our Worthy Brother Alexander Rutherford, being well known a Pass Master in N^o. 2 of the City of Philadelphia was prevailed upon to Assume the Chair: Our Worthy Brother Mark

² Vide Chapter IX, p. 172, *supra*.

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M^cCall, acting as Sen^r Warden, untill our Brother George M^cCall be installed, Brother Andrew Graham Ju^r Warden Pro Tempore.

“Lodge opened in due Form

Br. Alexander Rutherford in the Chair

Br. Mark M^cCall acting as S. W. pro Temp.

Br. Andrew Graham J. W. pro Temp.

Br. Charles Pope S. D. pro Temp.

Br. William Jordan J. D. pro Temp.

Br. Andrew Butler Toiler pro Temp.

TRANSACTIONS.

“Brother George M^cCall being first regularly installed was clothed and entered on the dutys of his Office as Sen^r Warden.

A petition was handed up to the Chair signed by Sam^l. M^cCall Theophilus Parke and Thomas North, setting forth they had heretofore been initiated into a Lodge of Masons in a clandestine Body without Warrant or Any Authority: Now praying to be Initiated into this Worshipful Lodge and become Members of the same, if they are deemed Worthy.

Which being considered, they being well known to the Members of this Lodge, were Approved as Worthy, and accordingly admitted agreeable to the Tenure of their Petition

Whereupon the said Samuel M^cCall, Theophilus Parke and Thomas North, were each Separately and Severally Entered, passed, and raised regularly Master Masons.

Brother Andrew Butler an old Mason made in Quebeck, and an able Pass Master, now resident here prays to be received into this Lodge as a Member thereof: Which is Approved of and accordingly the said Andrew Butler is Received and now become a Member of this Lodge.

It was then taken into Consideration what Time would be most Convenient for the stated Time of this Lodge to meet Monthly, so as not to interfere with the other neighboring Lodges. And The second Tuesday in every Month is fixed and Agreed Upon to be held at this place.

Whereupon the Lodge adjourned untill the second Tuesday in November next to meet at 6 O'Clock P. M. and being closed parted in perfect Peace and Harmony."

"November 14, 1775. Lodge Room, Dover in due form. The W. Master was pleased, with the approbation of the Sen. Warden to appoint Bro. Andrew Butler Sen. Deacon and Bro Thomas North Jun. Deacon, until the Next St Johns.

A petition was handed up to the Chair, signed by Arthur Cully, setting forth that he had heretofore been Initiated into a Lodge of Masons, in a Clandestine Body without warrant or any Authority. Now Praying to be Initiated into this Worshipful Lodge, and become a member of the same if he should be deemed worthy.

Which being considered, he being well known to the members of this Lodge, was approved as worthy and accordingly admitted.

Whereupon the said Arthur Cully was seperately Entered, Passed and Raised Regularly a Master Mason.

December 12, 1775. Lodge Met at Dover, in due form. Petitions were received from Allen McLane and John Hagan.

The W. M. was then pleased to adjourn the Lodge until the 27th day of this Inst. December, being the Anniversary of St John the Evangelist, to meet at 12 O'Clock for the further regulation of the Business of this Lodge, and the Choice of their officers for the next ensuing term: and being Closed, parted in perfect Peace and Harmony.

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December 27, A. D. 1775, A. M. 5775. Lodge met in due form.

Present.

Bro Mark M^cCall in y^e Chair
“ George M^cCall S. W.
“ Andrew Butler J. W. pro. tem.
“ Thomas North S. D. “ “
“ Theophilus Parke J. D. “ “
“ Arthur Cully Toiler “ “
“ Saml. M^cCall Sec’y “ “

“The Members of this Lodge taking into Consideration the purpose of their Meeting, consider this a day set apart by Masons, to be commemorated as the Festival of the Holy St John the Evangelist, and that agreeable to our Constitution, and the Tenure of our Warrant, the officers to preside the ensuing Term in this Body, are to be Made at this Time. Therefore they have proceeded to the choice thereof.”

The “choice” resulted in the election of the above officers serving *pro tem.*, and, as the Minutes continue, “who being all regularly installed by the Worshipful Master, entered on their several duties in office, properly clothed.”

“Allen M^cLane and James Hagan were Entered.

“January 9, 1776. Lodge Met in Due form.

Present

Bro Mark M^cCall W. M
“ George M^cCall S. W.
“ Charles Pope J. W. p.t Visitor from No 5
“ Theophilus Parke S. D
“ William Jordan J. D p.t Visitor from No 5
“ William Rees “ “ “
“ John Tobin “ “ “
“ Saml. M^cCall Sec’y
“ Arthur Cully Toiler.



Allen

BRO. ALLEN McLANE.

B. PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 8, 1746,
D. WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, MAY 22, 1829.



David Hall

BRO. DAVID HALL.

B. LEWES, DELAWARE, JANUARY 4, 1752. D. SEPTEMBER, 18, 1817.

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Petitions were received from Jonathan Caldwell and David Hall jun of Lewis Town.³

February 13, 1776. Lodge in due form.

Visitors

Bro Andrew Graham S. D. p.t.	Visitor from No 6
" William Rees J. D. p.t	" " No 5
" John Miller an E. A	" " No 5
" Daniel Varnum an E. A	" " No 7
" George Moore	Visitor from No 1 Quebeck Army.

Bros. Allen M^cLane and John Hagan, Crafted.

Capt. Jonathan Caldwell, and Capt. David Hall jr approved and entered.

March 12, 1776. Lodge in due form.

Bro. John Hagan, raised—Capt. Jonathan Caldwell Crafted. A petition was received from Mark Coudrat.

April 6, 1776. Emergency Lodge. Allen M^cLane, raised—Mark Coudrat, Entered,—petition received from George Rowan.

May 14, 1776. Lodge in due form.

Visitors

Bro Alex Rutherford	No 2
" William Jordan	No 5
" William Rees	No 5
" Danl. Varnum	No 7 now a Craft

A Petition was handed up to the Chair, signed by John Perkins, a Lieutenant in the Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops, praying to become a Member of this Lodge.

Capt. David Hall and Mark Coudret, Crafted. George Rowan Entered.

³ Son of Bro. David Hall, named as Senior Grand Warden, in the Provincial Grand Warrant of July 15, 1761.

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The petition of Lieutenant John Perkins⁴ was Now taken into Consideration, and is deemed a case of emergency. And as Lieut. Perkins is engaged in the service of his Country, must shortly join the Main Army. He being well vouched for by sundry Brethren, is therefore now received, and the degree of an E. A. regularly conferred upon him.

The same action was taken on the petition of Ginathan Harney,⁵ a Lieutenant in the Delaware Regiment of Continental Troops.

Petitions were also received from

Cord Hazard, an Ensign in the Delaware Regiment

William Vaughan an Ensign in the Delaware Regiment

Robert Graham, who had been initiated into a Lodge of Masons in a Clandestine Manner without warrant or any Authority.

May 18, 1776. Emergency Lodge. Capt. Jonathan Caldwell, and Capt. David Hall, raised.

Bro. George Rowan, Lieut John Perkins and Lieutenant Ginathan Harney, Crafted

Ensigns Cord Hazard and William Vaughan Entered.

Robert Graham, Entered, passed and Raised.

May 25, 1776. By Appointment in due form.—Lieuts. John Perkins and Ginathan Harney, Raised. Ensigns Cord. Hazard and W^m Vaughn, crafted.

June 11, 1776. Lodge by appointment in Due form. Mark Coudrat, raised

The W. M. finding the business of this Lodge would again soon require its Meeting was pleased to adjourn the same unto Saturday the 15th Inst. and being then closed, parted in Peace and Harmony.

⁴ Second Lieutenant in Capt. Vaughan's Company.

⁵ First Lieutenant in Capt. Hall's Company; he was killed at the battle of Brooklyn.

Officers in the Delaware Regiment

June 15, 1776. Lodge Met according to appointment in due form:

Ensigns Cord Hazard and W^m Vaughan, raised.

Four petitions were handed up to the Chair, viz:—

John Wilson, an Ensign in the Delaware Regiment.

James Tilton,⁶ Surgeon to the same Regiment

Lewis Howell, Lieutenant in the same Regiment

William Popham Lieutenant in the same Regiment

Each praying to become Members of this Lodge, who being all well known to the Body, and are well recommended, were all severally approved of, and being a Case of Emergency, were accordingly immediately received and entered, successively in form.

Our Brothers, George M^cCall, a Lieutenant in the Delaware Regiment, Capt Jonathan Caldwell, John Hagan,—Lieutenants John Perkins, and Ginathan Harney, Capt. David Hall, Robert Graham, Ensigns Cord Hazard and W^m Vaughan, being all in the service of the Continent, and about to join the Main Army, do severally now apply for our Certificate.

The W. M. then made known to the Lodge, that the Members hereof are requested to favor No 5, with their Company in procession y^e 24th Inst, to commemorate the Festival of St John the Baptist, and read to them the Written request for that purpose, requesting them to attend accordingly.—

On account of attending this Festival at Cantwell's Bridge, an Election was held for officers to serve the ensuing term:^{6a}—

Bro Mark M^cCall W. M.

“ Andrew Butler S. W

⁶ Dr. James Tilton, born in Kent County, Delaware, June 1, 1745; died at Wilmington, Del., May 14, 1822; one of the most distinguished surgeons in the Revolutionary War; later Surgeon-General of the United States Army.

^{6a} *Vide* Chapter IX, p. 173, *supra*.

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Bro Allen McLane J. W

“ Theophilus Parke S. D

“ Thomas North J. D

“ Arthur McCully Toiler

July 9, 1776. Lodge in Due form.—Bro Mark McCall W. M. Made following report:—“ That in consequence of the Invitation from No 5. He the said Master with the Wardens, Deacons, and other Members of the Lodge, accompanied No 5. in their Procession on the commemoration of the Festival of the Holy St John y^e Baptist, on the 24th of June past, where they also had the Company of the Officers and sundry members from No. 6. at Georgetown, and Marched in procession from the Lodge room of No 5. to y^e House of Public Worship where they had the benefit of an excellent Sermon preached on the occasion and returned in due form to y^e Lodge Room, where they spent the Day, agreeably in a manner to Suit y^e Occasion.”

“Wherein an agreement is made and concluded upon—by and between the several Masters of No. 5,—6. and 18. and also communicated to No. 7. and agreed to;—That no person should hereafter at any time be received into, and by, any of the said Lodges, he living nearer to either one or the other of said bodys, without he the candidate produces a Recommendation of his suitable Character, from the Master of the Body nearest to whom he resides, thereby to prevent any unworthy person gaining admittance by travelling abroad. And that the said agreement be entered on the several Lodge Books to prevent Neglects.”

“Doctor James Tilton, having shortly to join the Main army, prays to be completed, whereupon he was Crafted and raised, and a Certificate given him

August 9, 1776. Lodge in due form. Lieut W^m Popham,

The "Unnatural and Cruel War"

having to join his Regiment immediately, was Crafted and raised, and received a Certificate

Lieut. Lewis Howell being Now in Philadelphia, and being desirous of being raised a Master Mason in No 4. has requested a Certificate of his being passed a Craft.⁷ Which the secretary being ordered to make out under the Lodge seal, was done, and sent to him by Bro. Popham.

August 13, 1776. Lodge in due form Emergency petitions were received from John Gordon and Simon Wilmore Wilson, approved and Entered

October 19, 1776. Lodge Room Dover.

"Whereas by means of the Absence of the Worshipful Master from home, and sundry other Members of this body, No Meeting thereof has been had, since the second Tuesday in August last, Whereby the body has been like to fall into Negligence and Indolence, to the damage and dishonour of the Same.

"To remedy which, the worshipful Master now appearing, has thought proper to Congregate the Lodge, he having previously summoned them for that purpose, as an Emergency, which is accordingly done."

"November 12, 1776. Lodge Met according to appointment Capt. John Gordon, and Bro Simon Wilmore Willson were. crafted and raised.

February 12, A. D. 1777, A. M. 5777. Lodge Room, Dover.

"Whereas the Unnatural and cruel War, in which this Continent is now engaged, with the Despotic King of England, who is endeavouring to deprive the Inhabitants of this Land of their inestimable and just Rights and Privileges, have neces-

⁷ *Vide* Chapter VIII, p. 136, *supra*.

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sarily called many of the Members of this Body, from their respective Habitations, And also the Worshipful Master and some other of the Officers of this Lodge, to oppose the force of our Enemy, which has heretofore prevented this body from Meeting since the second Tuesday in November last, Whereby the Lodge has fallen some small time into Neglect.”

“Now to remedy the same, and to bring the body into order, the W. M. having previously summon’d the Members to attend, they have accordingly met in due form.

Present

Bro Mark McCall W. M.	Bro Henry Bell
“ Andrew Butler S. W	“ William Popham
“ George McCall J. W p.t	“ Arthur Cully
“ James Tilton S. D. p.t	“ Alex. Rutherford No 2
“ Thomas North J. D	
“ Samuel McCall Sec’y	
“ Simon W. Willson Tyler p.t	

Following Officers were chosen to serve until St John’s Day next:—Bros. Andrew Butler, W. M.—Thos. North, S. W.—John Gordon, J. W.—Arthur Cully, S. D.—Henry Bell, J. D.—Saml. McCall Sec’y—Mark Coudrat, Tyler.

March 11, 1777. Lodge according to Appointment.—Information being made to the Worshipful Master, and other the Officers and Members generally, of this Body That Theophilus Parke a Member thereof, hath behaved in many Instances Unworthy the Society of the Brotherhood but more particularly that he hath some Time past eloped from this County, with an Intent to wrong sundry good Men of their just dues, after having openly manifested a dishonest disposition, in endeavoring to defraud others; Whereby also some Brethren are like to be looser and be Wronged.



James Tilton

SURGEON-GENERAL OF THE AMERICAN ARMY.

BRO. JAMES TILTON.

B. KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE, JUNE 1, 1745.

D. WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, MAY 14, 1822.

Certificates for Patriot Officers

All which being made Sufficiently Appear to this Body and chiefly within their Own knowledge; They therefore Esteem him longer unfit for the Society and Unworthy to continue a Member, and have accordingly Unanimously ordered him to be excluded the Body as a Member, and that he be erased from the Lodge Books: That Notice thereof be by the first Opportunity conveyed unto the next adjacent and Convenient Lodges of Antient York Masons: That he may be debarred entrance into any thereof.

May 24, A. D. 1777, A. M. 5777. A petition was handed up to the Chair, signed by Peter Bartly Fury, setting forth that he was on or about the Year of Masonry 5766. and the Year of our Lord 1766, regularly entered passed and raised a Master Mason, in Lodge N°. 304 of Antient F. Masons, Moatgranogue, in the County of Westmeth, Ireland, and being now resident in Dover, prays to be received into Membership of this Lodge: Whereupon the Petitioner was fully Examined, and gave ample Satisfaction, and same Time Offering sufficient Reasons for not sooner making this Application.

He was therefore Received according to the Tenure of his Petition, into the Membership of this Body agreeable to our By Laws and the Antient Usages and Customs and become a Member of the same with Unanimous Consent.

Our Brother Simon Wilmore Willson having Received a Commission in the Service of the Continent, is going to join the main Army, therefore craves our Certificate which the Secretary is directed to make out & Affix the Seal.—And as by his Removal the place as Secretary in this Body is Vacated, therefore our new Received B^r Peter Bartley Fury is Unanimously appointed to succeed our B^r Willson as Secretary, and is Approved of by the Worshipful Master: Accordingly

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as such he was immediately made out the Certificate for our B^r Willson as above.

Our Brother George Rowan having also entered into the Service of the Continent is about to depart to join the Army, and likewise craves our Certificate, which is granted and the Secretary ordered to make it out and was accordingly done and the Lodge Seal Affixed thereto.

July 8, A. D. 1777, A. M. 5777. A Sufficiency of the Body not Appearing on Account of Harvest, The Worshipful Master being present was pleased to adjourn the Lodge untill Tuesday y^e 29th Instant, and the Tyler directed to Summon the Members accordingly for that purpose. Then parted in Peace.

December 23, A. D. 1777. Whereas from the Confused and Unsettled State of the present Times, and the advance of our Enemys the Troops of the British King, upon those our Territories, and the States adjacent, having called many of the Brethren from this Body into action as well as Otherwise confused and scattered the remainder in Manner as has heretofore prevented their regular Meetings. Now by Special Summons Issued by Worshipful Master for that purpose, the Body are now Congregated, in due Form.

February 9, A. D. 1779. Whereas from the near situation of our Enemy the British Troops, Together with their daily advance and depredations on the Borders of this Town, attended with the Capture of our Worthy Brother and late Pass Master Mark McCall, as also from the dangerous Situation of our Lodge with the Jewells and Implements belonging thereto: And from the scattered Situation of our Members, it was found Necessary to remove the Jewels and Implements Aforesaid to a place of Safety—which being done and the Body from these Reasons having fell into Negligence and

Return of Bro. Mark McCall

disorder: We having the Happiness now to find our Brother Mark McCall again returned, and the other Reasons of Every kind removed, the Lodge is again this day congregated by special Appointment of the former Officers and met accordingly in due Form—

Present the Worshipful Master Andrew Butler

B ^r Thomas North, S. W.	B ^r John Hagan
B ^r George McCall J. W.	B ^r James Tilton
B ^r Arthur Cully, S. D	B ^r Allen McLane
B ^r Robert Graham J. D.	B ^r John Gordon
B ^r Mark McCall Pass Master	B ^r Thomas Parke
B ^r Sam ^l McCall Treasurer	B ^r Simon W. Willson

B^r Peter B. Fury Sec^y from N^o. 5 Visiting B^r Charles Pope
B^r Patrick Bunting Tyler from N^o 5 Visiting B^r James Townsend.

Eight separate Petitions were handed up to the Chair separately signed by Stephen Millis, James Coakley, Charles Nixon, John Banning, John Clayton, John Cooper, John Casson, and James Clarke, praying to become Members of this Lodge, which being all read were ordered to Lay over to next meeting, and the Candidates Ordered to give Attendance.

A Petition was also handed up to the Chair signed by Sam^l Freeman, praying to become a Member of this Body, which being read was ordered to Lay over to next meeting.

March 9, 1779. The Petition of Charles Nixon was taken into consideration, and on enquiry was found Worthy but being under Lawful Age is postponed until a dispensation can be procured from the Worshipful Grand Master.

March 20, 1779, A. M. 5779. Lodge Room Dover. Lieut. Caleb Brown of the D. R. appearing and praying to become a Fellow Craft which on Examination he was found Worthy

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of and accordingly the Degree of a Fellow Craft was regularly conferred on him.

May 11, 1779. Whereas Divers Brethren Members of this Body have heretofore Neglected to attend this Body although Regularly Notified and Some have refused in open Violation of the By Law Constitutions and Regulations. To Remedy which and make due Inquiry the Members Present do Resolve to put the By Laws &c &c in due force against all Such Delinquents as also to try the cause of Complaints against B^r Jonathan Caldwell and other Members who may be chargeable before this Body for any kind of Misbehavior Refusal or Neglect also to Settle off all Lodge Dues at the conclusion of which it is Proposed Lectures shall be given from the Chair for the Benefit of the Brethren for which Purpose the Toiler is ordered to Notify every Member convenient on Tuesday the 25th Inst. at the Lodge Room by 4 O'Clock the Lodge then Broke up in Peace and Harmony.

May 25, 1779. The Toyler Stephen Millis not being Present the W. P. and other officers present Make Report that the Said Toyler had Some few Days since gone on a Journey on Business of an Urgent Nature of which he gave Notice to them and Sundry other Members previous to his Departure and Lodged Information with him that he had duly Summoned all the Bretheren in reach who were Members of this Lodge to attend the Lodge on this Special appointment.

Brother Berry Reports B^r. Thomas Park had given his attendance this Day with Intention to meet with the Body of the Lodge on the Business of the same but was called off to attend a Sick Friend which was approved by the Body as a Sufficient Excuse.

B^r Clayton Reports that B^r Mark Coudratt is not at present in a Suitable Situation from many Circumstances to attend

this Special Meeting which Reasons B^r Clayton made known to the Members then present as well to Erase his long past Neglect as also to crave further Indulgence from the Body for his non-attendance which on consideration was approved. Satisfactory and Further Indulgence given him untill he may Remove the present Obstacles preventing him.

B^r Mark M^cCall Reports B^r George M^cCall our W. P. Master and B^r John Gordon our J. W. to be at Philadelphia on Business Approved a Satisfactory Excuse

The Members now present taking into Consideration the Charge Originally lodged against B^r Jonathan Caldwell by our W. R. Brother George M^cCall together with his repeated Notices and Summonses to attend which he hath heretofore altogether Neglected to attend Obey or Comply with also considering his great Neglect and Disrespect toward this Body and his non-attendance for a considerable time have Resolved and do hereby Pronounce and Declare that the By Laws of this Body the Regulations and Rules of the Same shall be Now put in full Force against him without further delay or inquiry whereby he is excluded the Fellowship and Society of this Body as a Member and Not to be again Received or admitted as a Member of the same or Receive any of the Advantages or Emoluments thereof Untill after he has duly Submitted himself Before the Body Made Sufficient Concessions for his past bad conduct and Neglect also Satisfied B^r George M^cCall of the Complaint against him paid all Arrearages of Fees and dues against him Crave Pardon and promises future good Behaviour and Conduct to this Lodge and the Members thereof then Grace to be Granted him at the Discretion of the Members of the Lodge and Not Before.

B^r Mark M^cCall Makes Report that Arthur Cully has sometime heretofore in repeated Instances Falsified his Word to

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him in the Course of his Business Much to the Injury of our said Br Mark McCall whereby the said Arthur Cully is charged of Deception Falsety and want of Honesty and Candour toards a Brother and Cannot be a Suitable Member of this Lodge or any Other.

Our W. P. Master in the Chair and Sundry Other Members of this Body all make Report that our Br Mark Coudratt has made Regular Information before this Body that Br Arthur Cully had some time past deceived and Imposed upon him by Introducing him to a Man Named Bartholomew Henry who said Cully declared to be a good Mason and Brother (Who was a Clandestine Unlawfull and Ignorant Mason and Ought not to be countenanced by any Regular Lodge) That the said Cully told the said Coudratt that the said Henry was well acquainted with the Rules Institutions and Order of Masonry and much better than any of the Lodge whereby the said Coudratt was Induced to converse with said Henry on the Subject of Masonry and knew not for some time Untill Examination he was such as he is.

Br Mark McCall declares to this Body and Pledges his Faith as a Brother that he Br McCall has conversed with Br Coudratt on this Subject and finds that the Time of the above Transaction of Br Cully was after he the said Br McCall (being then Master of this Body) had absolutely given Br Cully positive orders to discontinue and discountenance the Said Bartholomew Henry and not hold any conversation with him on Masonry at Same Time Informing him of the Irregularity of Said Henry as a Clandestine unlawful Mason and cautioned him to beware of him as a Deceitfull Man.

Br Simon W. Wilson and Br Thomas North both Jointly make Report on the faith and Credit of the Brotherhood that Arthur Cully during the time of the Enemy to this Country

the British Shiping lay in Delaware Bay that a Scheme was on Foot to make Prisoners of them the Said Wilson and North in order to carry them on Board the British Ships by a certain villian called Follis which Said Follis lived in the House of Said Arthur Cully but Brother Robert Grahams comming to the knowledge thereof discharged his duty as a Brother and gave them Notice of the Danger attending them Whereupon they Went Prepared to Secure Said Follis and on enquiry at Said Cully House for Said Follis he the Said Cully denied any knowledge of him and Refused them to Serch for him which Nevertheless they did do against Said Cully's Will and found the Said Follis in his House After the Said Cully had Repeatedly declared he was not there and knew Nothing of him and on his being found and produced the Said Cully was Very Wrath against them our Brothers Wilson and North and used many Undecent and Imprudent expressions. By all which appears the said Cully must be privy to Said Follis's design and countenanced him in his Intentions in open Breach of Brotherly Love and confidence and that no faith ought to be put in him as Such.

This Body do in consequence of all this Information which are evidently and Sufficiently proved before them and Supported Absolutely and Utterly exclude and Expell him this Society forever for the future hereby declaring him Unworthy the Same and depriving him of all Benefits advantages claims and Emoluments and every kind of Brotherly Esteem from this Body or any other and that he be put on the Lodge Books of the adjacent Lodges as Soon as convenient.

July 13, 1779, A. M. 5779. Lodge Room Dover. The Wp Master George McCall having served a regular time in the Chair and having Sometime since removed to Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania and the Other Officers also Served

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a regular time it was Moved by the Lodge that a New Set of Officers be elected to Serve from this time untill the 27th. of December Next ensuing—

And accordingly Br John Gordon was unanimously Elected Master to fill the chair and Serve accordingly untill the S^d 27 Day of December Next ensuing which he gratefully accepted was Immediately Regularly Install'd by our Worthy P. M.^s. Br. Mark McCall and Andrew Butlar and being clothed and Seated entered on his Duty as Such And Nominated Br John Clayton S. W. and Br Peter B. Fury J. W. and being confirmed by the Approbation of all the Members then Present the Said Wardens were regularly install'd in their Offices and entered on the duties thereof then By Unanimous Voice of the Officers afs^d. and the Body Our Br. Thomas North was continued Treasurer and our Br. Simon W. Wilson Secretary to Serve the ensuing Term and regularly entered on the duties of their Respective Offices Br Charles Nixon was appointed Sen Deacon and Br Patrick Bunting Jun^r Deacon and Regularly entered on the duties of the Respective Offices.

Br Jonathan Caldwell who has been absent from this Lodge for Sometime owing to his and our late Wp. Master George McCalls having a Difference when in the Continental Service now appears in Person and they having Mutually agreed to Settle all their Difference with each other in the Adjacent Room Reported that they had to the Satisfaction of each other Settled all the Said Difference which gave Pleasure to the Lodge and Br. Jonathan Caldwell is received by all the Members into Favor and as a Brother and Member of this Lodge and to continue as Such &c.

August 28, A. D. 1779 A. M. 5779. Lodge Room Dover. Elijah Shillington now appears and prays to become a Fellow Craft which on examination he was found Worthy of and

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accordingly the Degree of a Fellow Craft was regularly conferred upon him. He likewise (being under Necessity of Going to Camp Immediately) prays to become a Master Mason which on examination it was thought expedient so to do. And therefore the Degree of a Master was regularly conferred upon him accordingly.

September 14, A. D. 1779, A. M. 5779. Lodge Room Dover. On Motion and Seconded it was Unanimously Resolved the Festival of St. John in December Next be celebrated by this Body in Procession from the Lodge Room that a Sermon be preached on the Occasion by Some Suitable person to be appointed by the Wp. Master Sen^r. and Jun^r. Wardens who are Appointed for that purpose so also to have every other Necessary Article procured for that purpose And that an Invitation be given by Regular Written Request Signed by the Sec^r Directed to N^o. 5, 6, 7, 17 Requesting the attendance of them Severally with as Many Members of their Respective Bodys as can conveniently attend which Request to be forwarded timely before the Day that our Visiting Brethren May have time to prepare Nevertheless this Resolve not to be carried into execution if any Notice from the Grand Body to this Lodge Should previously Interfere with Our Design.

December 14, A. D. 1779, A. M. 5779. Lodge Room Dover. A Petition from Benjamin Crooks was handed up to the Chair Setting forth that the Petitioner had taken the Degree of an Entered Apprentice in Quebec in Canada and now prays to become a Fellow Craft which on Regular Inquiry Appearing and he on Examination being found Worthy of the Degree of a Fellow Craft was regularly conferred upon him.

December 27, A. D. 1779, A. M. 5779. Lodge Room Dover. Our Former P. M. Mark McCall and our Jun Warden Peter B. Fury Make Report to this Body in Obedience to the Notice from the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge in Philadelphia

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Directed to the Officers of this Lodge Requiring the Master Sen. and Jun^r. Wardens of the same to meet the Grand Lodge on the 20th. of this Month in Philadelphia &c That on Account of the Inability of the present Master and Sen^r. Warden to attend on Said Day the said Mark M^cCall attended with the Warrant Jewels and Book of Transactions of this Body as the P. M. also our B^r George M^cCall late P. M. as Sen^r Warden and Peter B. Fury Jun. Warden by whom this Lodge was Represented in due Order and form in the Grand Lodge on Monday the 20 Instant At which time Our Right Worshipfull Grand Master William Ball Esq^r was re-appointed our Grand Master and thanks Returned him for his past Services Also that thanks were given to the other former Grand Officers Respectively and our B^r Doctor John Coats is appointed D. G. Master our B^r. Alexander Rutherford S. G. W. and Jacob Howel J. G. W. and B^r. John Wood G. Treasurer Our B^r Doctor William Smith G. Secretary—Whereupon much business was done in the Grand Lodge with profound Harmony and good Order and a Regular Quarter communication appointed to be kept up and Observed by all Lodges under our Grand Warrant &c &c &c Also that our Brothers the said Mark M^cCall and Peter B. Fury, has paid the Sum of one Hundred pounds to the Grand Charity Fund for the good purposes designed thereby.

The Lodge then taking in consideration the Purpose of their Meeting on this day proceeded in due Masonic order to the church where they had the benefit of an Excellent Sermon on the Occasion delivered by the Rev^d. Samuel Magaw from the 12 Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans 9th and 10th Verses which being finished the Body then Returned amidst the view of many Beholders of the Best Characters to the Lodge Room And after Dinner the Lodge was opened in due form.

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January 11, A. D. 1780, A. M. 5780. Lodge Room Dover Resolved N. C. D. that all fines and Monthly Dues (mentioned in our By Laws) Shall from this Day be Twenty times the Sum it was in the year 1776.^s

Petitions Signed by John Dickinson, John Ham, Alexander Worknott and John Williams being handed up to the Chair and read were ordered to lay over untill next Meeting

February 8, A. D. 1780, A. M. 5780. Lodge Room Dover. A Petition Signed by James Fresham was handed up to the Chair Setting forth that he had been legally Entered past and Raised a Free and Accepted Mason in Hope and Anchor Lodge in Cable Street Liverpool and now Prays to Join this Body all which appearing to the Lodge, he was Unanimously Accepted of and Entered a Member on the Roll as belonging to this Lodge.

December 27, A. D. 1780, A. M. 5780. Lodge Room Dover. The Lodge taking into consideration the purpose for which they met on this Day proceeded in due Masonic Order to the Church where they had the Benefit of an excellent Discourse or Sermon on that Occasion Delivered by the Rev^d. Mr Samuel Magaw from the III^d Chap. 11th verse of the first Epistle General of John, which being finished the Body Returned amidst the view of many Beholders of the Best Character to the Lodge Room And after Dinner the Lodge was Opened.

On Motion By our Br James Tilton and Seconded Setting forth that the Reverend Mr Magaw attended this Lodge in the year 1779 and preached an Excellent Sermon for the Brethren then present to the Great Honour of the Craft that he was waited on by two Brethren of the Lodge with a Sum of Money adequate to his Trouble which from Mere Love to the Fraternity he refused that this Present year 1780 he was

^s On account of the depreciation of the Continental currency.

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requested in like manner to Preach a Sermon for them which he in like manner complied with to the Great Satisfaction of the Brethren and refused as before to take any Gratuity for which Service it was therefore Unanimously agreed that a

A S E R M O N

Preached in CHRIST-CHURCH, DOVER ;

B E F O R E
T H E
GENERAL COMMUNICATION

O F
FREE AND ACCEPTED
M A S O N S

O F T H E
DELAWARE STATE:

On WEDNESDAY, December 27th, 1780.

B E I N G T H E
A N N I V E R S A R Y

O F
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

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TITLE PAGE OF DR. MAGAW'S DOVER SERMON. ORIGINAL IN GRAND
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Gold Medal of the Neatest Construction be made and presented to him as a token of Friendship for Such his love to the Craft."

This Sermon by the Rev. Samuel Magaw was printed in Philadelphia by David C. Claypoole, and was prefixed with an eulogy by the Reverend Brother of Bro. Gen. Washington.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

GENERAL WASHINGTON;

S I R,

OF myself, I would not have presumed to offer this Address.—In admiration and love arising almost to Rapture, I have long contemplated Your Excellency's Character: Yet still, to do so, retired and silent, appeared to become me best;—or, at the most, not to pass out of the circle of a **SELECT FEW**, imparting and increasing this our refined enjoyment.

But the Brethren have imboldened me to step a little farther;—and, should it be deemed unseasonable intrusion, they take to themselves the blame. They have honoured me with their particular instructions, to inscribe this Sermon to your Excellency; whereby an opportunity is given, not only to them, but to me, of declaring in a public manner, That every species of veneration, and consummate gratitude, is the tribute unquestionably due to consummate Merit; That in the present age, our World beholds a more than usual Blessing—the Hero, and the Man of Virtue, in the same Personage, to a **CHARM**, united; That now we have the pleasure, with consenting millions, of revering **GREAT** endowments conjoined with good. They direct me to tell, That they glory in having Communion with so very illustrious a **BROTHER,—and MASTER.**

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The author of the following little performance, wishes it was more worthy of your Excellency's Patronage. It may be said, in a degree, to be extemporaneous, having been drawn up in such unavoidable haste; neither would correction have brought it nearer to the splendor of the Subject, unless the whole plan were altered.

Your Excellency being no stranger to the sentiments here attempted to be set forth, hath felt thro' a life, most useful, what it is to be pre-eminent in kind affection and philanthropy; and knoweth well, That to be "a Child of God," as much transcends the pretended dignity of being a Son of JUPITER, of MARS, or of APOLLO,—as the NEW JERUSALEM of ST. JOHN excels in glory the ELYSIUM of Homer, Virgil, or of Plato.

I am,

Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

SAMUEL MAGAW,

DOVER, March 27, 1781.

DEDICATION OF THE REV. DR. MAGAW'S SERMON.

This book, the title page and prefix of which is reproduced in fac-simile, is exceedingly scarce, and copies of it are rarely met with.*

"September 12, 1786. Lodge No. 18, Dover—A circular letter from Assheton Humphreys Grand Secretary, communi-

* Copy in Grand Lodge Library.

Communication from the Grand Lodge

cating the order of Quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge held in the City of Philadelphia the 27th day of March last was read and considered.

Whereupon a motion was made and seconded that Br French Battell Sen^r. Warden, and Br Charles Tatham both of this Lodge, be and they, or either of them are hereby authorized and appointed to attend the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge to be held in the City of Philadelphia on the 4th monday of this Inst. September, with full powers vested in them or either of them to vote and Act for and in behalf of this Lodge in all matters and things which may be done or transacted at the said Quarterly communication

Which was unanimously agreed to.

I do Certify the above to be a true transcript from the proceedings of Lodge No. 18 held at Dover in Kent County upon Delaware, Given Under my hand and the seal of the said Lodge this 12th. day of September 1786

S. R. HUDSON, Sec^y."

October 10, 1786, A. M. 5786. Lodge Room, Dover. Our Worthy Brother Charles Tatham having reported to this Body that the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge held in the city of Philadelphia on the 4th. monday in September last made some progress in the business on which they Specially met; but not having Completed the same they Adjourned to monday the 16th. Instant, a Motion was thereupon made and Seconded, that Br Charles Tatham, Br Charles Nixon & Br Charles Ridgely, all members of this lodge, or either of them be and are hereby authorized & appointed to attend the said Adjournment with full powers to vote and act for & in Behalf of this Lodge in all matters and things, which may be done or transacted at the said Adjournment.

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Which was unanimously agreed to

The old provincial warrant of Lodge No. 18 was surrendered, and renewed May 31, 1787. The last returns made by the Lodge were in 1787. It is not known when this Lodge ceased, or joined the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

In the Archives of the Grand Lodge are the Certificates of Bros. John Wilson, and George Purvis;¹⁰ the latter reads as follows:

“TO ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED YORK MASONS OF ALL REGULAR AND CONSTITUTED LODGES:

We the Master and Wardens of Lodge N^o. 18, held in the Town of Dover, under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, do hereby Certify, that the bearer hereof Brother George Purvis, hath been regularly Entered, passed and Raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason, as to us appears from a Certificate under the Hands of the Master and Wardens of S^t. Johns Regimental Lodge, held in Camp near Morris Town, and under the Seal of said Lodge: He the said Brother George Purvis on Examination being found Worthy was admitted a Member of this our Lodge, and his said Certificate with us deposited; And during his Stay among us has behaved himself as a Worthy and good Brother: As such We do hereby recommend him wherever these Presents shall come:

“Given under our Hands and the Seal of our said Lodge this 11th day of June A. D. 1782 A. M. 5782.

MARK M^cCALL, *Master*, SIMON W. WILSON, *S. W.* WM BERRY, *J. W.*
W^m. JOHNSON, *Sec^y*.

ROSTER OF LODGE No. 18, A. Y. M.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Entered.</i>
Mark M ^c Call	The Master named in y ^e Warrant
George M ^c Call	Sen ^r Warden Do Retired 23 ^d July 1783

¹⁰ MSS., Vol. J, paquet 54, folio 45.

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Entered.</i>	
Henry Bell		Jun ^r Do Do Ditto
Andrew Butler		An Old Mason Rec ^d , Died 7 th Feby 1783
Peter B. Fury		Ditto Ditto Died 5 th April 1786
Sam McCall	11 th Oct ^{ob} . 1775	Died 27 th Dec & Interred in form 29 th 1781
Theophilus Parke	Ditto Ditto	Expelled 11 th March 1777
Thomas North	Ditto Ditto	Died 10 th May 1784. Interred in form
Arthur Culley	11 th Nov ^r Ditto	Expelled 25 th May 1779 Since dead
Allen McLane	27 th Dec Ditto	Cert granted Feby 1779 rej ^d 13 th Feb 1784
John Hagan	Ditto Ditto	Ditto 15 th June 1776 Since dead
Jona Caldwell	13 th Feby 1776	Died 1 st September 1784
David Hall	Ditto Ditto	Cer't granted 15 th June 1776 (Army)
Mark Coudrat	6 th April Ditto	Expelled 11 th December 1784
George Rowan	14 th May Ditto	
John Perkins	Ditto Ditto	Cert granted 15 th June 1776.
Ginnathan Harney	Ditto Ditto	Since dead
Robert Graham	10 th Ditto	Ditto Ditto
		Retired February 1779.
Cord Hazard	Ditto Ditto	Cer't granted 15 th June 1776
W ^m Vaughn	Ditto Ditto	Ditto Ditto
Capt John Wilson	15 th June Ditto	Ditto 27 th Mar 1779 rejoined
James Tilton	Ditto Ditto	13 th May 1783
Lewis Howell	Ditto Ditto	Passed & raised in N ^o . 4 Philadelphia
W ^m Topham	Ditto Ditto	Ditto 9 th July 1776 Ditt. 11 th March Ditto
John Gordon	13 th Aug ^t Ditto	Cert granted 9 th August 1776
Simon W Wilson	Ditto Ditto	
Thomas Parke	8 th April 1777	Expelled 11 th December 1781
William Berry	10 th June Ditto	Retired 23 ^d July 1783
Pat ^k Bunting	27 th Dec ^r Ditto	Cert granted 8 th August 1780

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<i>Name.</i>	<i>Entered.</i>	
Hugh Roe	10 th March 1778	Expelled 11 th December 1781
James Bratton	Ditto Ditto	Cer't granted 13 th July 1779
John Brown	10 th March 1778	Cer't granted 15 th July 1779
Arch ^d McSparren	Ditto Ditto	Removed to Philad ^a & not raised
Robert Wallace	14 th April Ditto	Retired 10 th October 1780
Caleb Brown	16 th March 1779	Cer't granted 27 th March 1779
Stephen Milles	9 th do Ditto	
Charles Nixon	13 th April Ditto	
John Banning	27 th March Ditto	
John Clayton	9 th do Ditto	
James Coakley	Ditto Ditto	
Sam ^l Freeman	Ditto Ditto	Retired 13 th June 1786.
John Howell	13 th April Ditto	
Benj ^m Gibbs	8 th June Ditto	Retired 24 th June 1784
Asa Manlove	Ditto Ditto	
John Buller, Sen ^r	10 th Aug ^t Ditto	Died 8 th April 1781. Interred in Form
Elijah Skillington	24 th Do Ditto	Cer't granted 28 th August 1779
Dan ^l Cummins	14 th Sept Ditto	Retired 10 th May 1785.
Rons Fassett	13 th July Ditto	Cert granted Immediately
Gilbert Biddle	Ditto Ditto	Ditto Ditto
John Stevens	28 th Aug ^t Ditto	Ditto 14 th March 1780
John Venn	9 th Nov ^r Ditto	
David Maxwell	12 th Oct ^r Ditto	Expelled 14 th November 1780
Benj ⁿ Crooks	14 th Dec ^r Ditto	Retired 27 th December 1779
John Dickinson	11 th Jany 1780	Neversince Appeared in Lodge
Alex Worknot	14 th March Ditto	
George Handy	1 st do Ditto	Cer't granted 14 th March 1780
James Treesham	" " "	An Old Mason received Re-tired
William Johnson	11 th April Ditto	An Old Mason received Re-tired
Joseph Harper	28 th March Ditto	An Old Mason received Re-tired
Isaac Carty	9 th May Ditto	Retired 13 th June 1786
John Bell Jr.	Ditto Ditto	Ditto 23 ^d July 1783
William Pope	13 th June Ditto	
Jon ^a Pleasanton	13 th June Ditto	Retired 23 ^d July 1783

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<i>Name.</i>	<i>Entered.</i>	
Sam ^l Crosbey	23 ^d Do Ditto	Cer't granted 10 th August 1780
Dennis Shee	8 th Aug ^t Ditto	
Caleb Williams	10 th Oct Ditto	
John Pleasanton	13 th Feby 1781	
Henry Gilder	Ditto Ditto	
Francis Johnson	10 th July Ditto	Retired 24 th June 1786
John Wilson Murd	11 th Sept Ditto	Ditto 14 th March Ditto
John Hammond	9 th Oct Ditto	Died without taking Another Degree
John Brady	12 th Feb 1782	Died without taking Another Degree
John Piper	12 th March Ditto	Died 12 th November 1784
Sam ^l H Round	14 th May Ditto	Never since Appeared in Lodge
Sam Wilson	9 th April Ditto	Retired 10 th September 1782
George Saxton	12 th Aug ^t Ditto	
Rob ^t Kirkwood	11 th June Ditto	Cer't granted 11 th June 1782
John Platt	Ditto Ditto	Ditto Ditto
William Howell	15 th May 1783	
David Harper	11 th Mar Ditto	
Campb St Clair	Ditto Ditto	Removed to Maryland
John Wheelton	27 th Dec ^r Ditto	
James Berry	13 th April 1784	Retired 10 th May 1785
Jos Dreskill	N ^o 1 Albany	
James Gardner	24 th June 1784	Retired 13 th December 1785
Thomas Saxton	12 th Oct Ditto	
Dyre Kearney	14 th Dec ^r Ditto	
John Robinson	11 th Jany 1785	
John Pettegrue	8 th Feby Ditto	
Sam ^l R Hudson	12 th July Ditto	
Charles Ridgley	9 th Aug Ditto	
French Battell	Ditto Ditto	
Charles Tatham	" "	An Old Mason Received
Matthew Clark	10 th Jany 1786	An Old Mason Received
William Hudson Jr	24 th Feb Ditto	
Layton Jones	14 th Mar Ditto	
James Curry	Ditto Ditto	
Matt Manlove	9 th May Ditto	
James Hammond	Ditto Ditto	
Dan ^l Hudson	Ditto Ditto	

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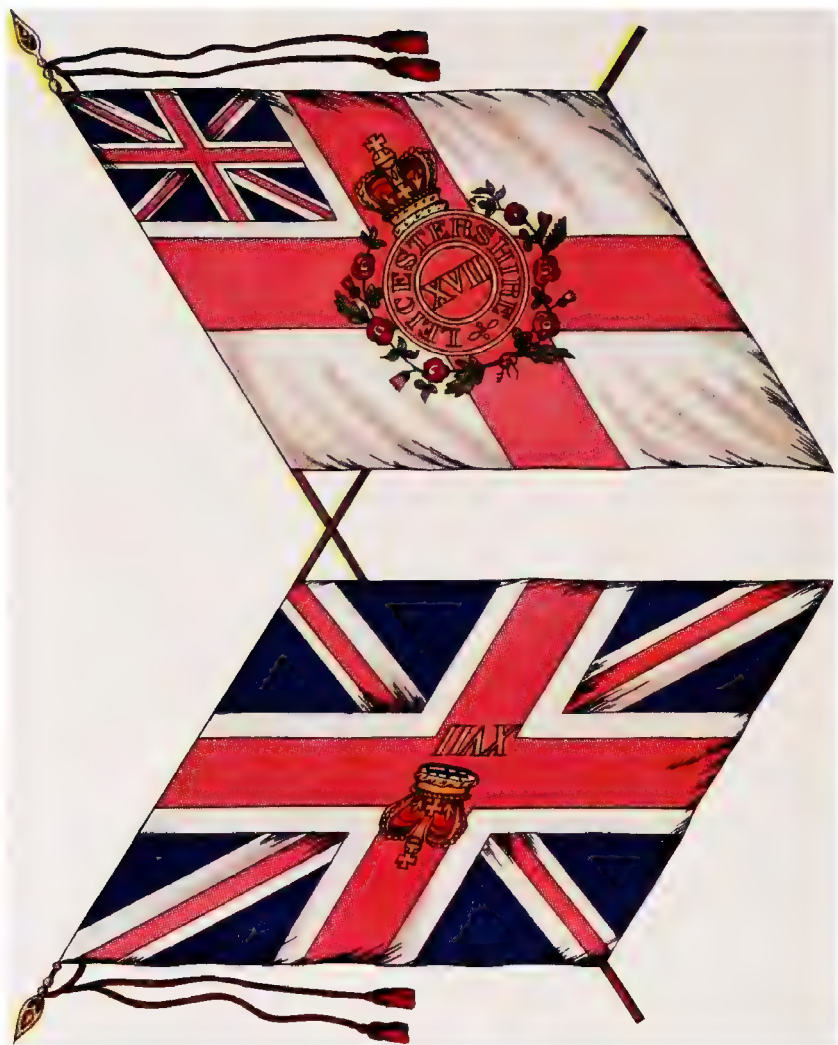
<i>Name.</i>	<i>Entered.</i>	
James Smith	Ditto Ditto	
James Pollocks	Ditto Ditto	
James Meredeth	11 th July Ditto	
R H Lee	N ^o 63 Albany	
John Conroy	" " "	An Old Mason Received
George Purvice	" " "	Retired December 1782

Attest to Above Roster.

"I do Hereby Certify that the above instrument of writing is a true Transcript, taken from the Lodge Book of Transactions at Dover in Kent county upon Delaware, Given under my hand and the seal of the Lodge, this 14th. day of October 1786. Anno Masonary 5786"

SAM^l. R. HUDSON, *Sect^y. of Lodge No. 18.*





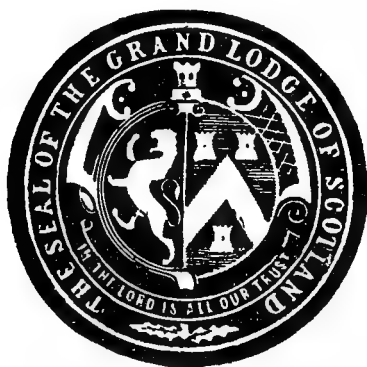
REGIMENTAL COLORS OF HIS BRITANNICK MAJESTY'S
SEVENTEENTH REGIMENT OF FOOT (1777-1778)

(UNITY LODGE, No. 18, A. Y. M.)



CHAPTER XXV.

UNITY LODGE, NO. 18, A. Y. M., IN HIS BRITANNIC
MAJESTY'S 17TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.



ONE of the most interesting questions in connection with the history of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, and one which has thus far baffled Masonic historians on both hemispheres, is how it happened that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania granted a warrant to a British regiment during the Revolutionary period. A solution to this question will, however, be found in the course of this chapter. No record of any action as to date and occasion have thus far been found among the records of the Grand Lodge. The positive evidence of this warrant having been granted is, however, shown by the fact that, when the Regiment was captured, during the attack on Stony Point, July 16, 1779, among their baggage was found the warrant and regalia of the Lodge; when this was brought to the notice of Gen. Samuel H. Parsons,¹ an American Commander, and

¹Samuel Holden Parsons was born in Lyme, Conn., May 14, 1737, and was drowned in Big Beaver River, Pennsylvania, Nov. 17, 1789. He

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member of American Union Lodge, in the Continental army, he at once sent the warrant back to the British Regiment with the following fraternal letter:

“WEST JERSEY HIGHLANDS, July 23, 1779.

Brethren.:—When the ambition of monarchs or jarring interest of contending States, call forth their subjects to war, as Masons we are disarmed of that resentment which stimulates to undistinguished desolation; and however our political sentiments may impel us in the public dispute, we are still Brethren, and (our professional duty apart) ought to promote the happiness and advance the weal of each other. Accept therefore, at the hands of a Brother, the Constitution of the Lodge Unity, No. 18, to be held in the 17th British Regiment which your late misfortunes have put in my power to restore to you.

“I am your Brother and obedient servant

“SAMUEL H. PARSONS.

“Addressed to Master and Wardens of Lodge Unity, No. 18, upon the Registry of England.”

In addition to the above letter, we have the correspondence with the Brethren of Unity Lodge, No. 18, in Nova Scotia, and the Grand Lodge in 1786 hereafter mentioned.

Freemasonry had a more or less active existence in the British 17th Regiment of Foot, beginning as early as the year 1748, when a warrant was granted to them by the Grand Lodge of Ireland for a Military Lodge, while stationed on the Island of Minorca, in the Mediterranean. It was No. 136 upon the Irish Register, and bore no distinctive name. It was one of the regiments which took part in the siege of Louisbourg in 1758, and the Military Lodge was known to have been in existence in 1760, while in garrison at Montreal.²

was present at the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, at the battle of Long Island, Sag Harbor and other engagements. In 1780, he was commissioned Major General, and succeeded Gen. Israel Putnam in command of the Connecticut Line.

²“History of Freemasonry in Canada,” J. Ross Robertson, Toronto,

On returning home to England, the Regiment took a new warrant from the Scottish Grand Lodge in 1771, the former having been lost through the "Hazardous Enterprises in which they had been engaged." It was dated the 12th day of November, and known as "Unity," and numbered "169"³ on the Register⁴ of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

This old warrant is in possession of the Brethren of the former Lodge No. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware, now known as Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M.,^{4a} meeting at Middletown, Delaware, in whose possession it has been since its capture at the Battle of Princeton. This old document, so far as known, is the only original Masonic Military Warrant from any British Regiment serving in the American Revolution, and by permission of the Lodge is here reproduced.

"To All and Sundry To whose Knowledge these presents shall Come Greeting In God Everlasting. Whereas upon Petition to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Kingdom of Scotland By Brother John Slater, Alexander Aberdour, John Hill, Thomas Hanson, and James Scringeor all of the Seventeenth Regiment of Foot, presently in Edinburgh as the Setting Forth That for a Considerable time there was Held a Regular Lodge in the said Regiment under the Authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland That through the many hazardous Enterprizes in which they had been Engaged in the Service of their King and Country, they had not only Lost their Charter, but their whole Records and Jewels, and being willing Still to Associate together for the True End of Masonry in a Regular Lodge, Constituted by the Grand Lodge of

1899, Vol. 1, p. 169. Transactions of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, England, 1910-1911, p. 100.

³Not 168, as stated by Gould in "Military Lodges, 1732-1899." Same errors in the Transactions of the Lodge of Research, 1910-11, p. 101.

⁴That there was no shifting allegiance in the case of the Lodge in the 17th Regiment of Foot, is shown by the wording of the Scotch warrant, which fell into the hands of the Americans in January, 1777. Cf. "Military Lodges, 1732-1899." R. F. Gould, London.

^{4a}Vide Chapter IX, *supra*.

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Scotland, They Proposed the said Thomas Hanson for Master; John Slater and John Hill for Wardens, James Scrimgeor for Treasurer and Alexander Aberdour for Secretary *And Praying* it might please the Grand Lodge to Grant them a Charter of Constitution and Erection in the usual form *Which Petition* Having been Considered by the Grand Lodge, And Ample Recommendation having been given of the Petition by Lieutenant Richard Aylmer, Adjutant in the said Seventeenth Regiment They authorized the underwritten Patent of Constitution and Erection to be Expede in the Petitioners favours. *Know ye therefore* That the Most Worshipfull The Grand Master of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge aforsaid Have Constituted Erected and Appointed And hereby Constitute Erect and Appoint the Worshipfull Brethren above named and their Successors, in all time Coming to be a True and Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons by the Stile and Title of *Unity Lodge*, in the Seventeenth Regiment of Foot, *And Appoint* and *Ordain* all Regular Lodges under the Constitution of the *Grand Lodge of Scotland*, to Hold, Own and Respect them as Such *Giving Granting* and *Committing* to them and their Successors full Power and Authority to Meet, Assemble and Conveen as a Regular Lodge, And to Admit and Receive Apprentices, Pass Fellow Crafts, and Raise Master Masons upon Payment of such Composition for the Support of their Lodge as they shall see Convenient, And to Elect and Chuse Masters, Wardens, and other officers Annually or other ways as they shall have Occasion *Recommending* to the Brethren aforsaid and their Successors to Reverence and Obey their Superiors in all things Lawfull and honest, as becomes the Honour and Harmony of Masonry The said Brethren by Accepting of this present Charter, Becoming faithfully Bound and Engaged not to Desert their said Lodge so Constituted nor upon any pretext whatsoever to make any Separate or Schismatical Meetings, without Consent of their Master and Wardens for the time. Nor to Collect Money or other Funds Separate from the Common Stock of their Lodge to the prejudice of the Poor thereof. They and their Successors in all time coming being also Obligated to Obey and Pay all due regard to the Acts, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Lodge already made, or hereafter to be made, for the Utility, Welfare and Prosperity of Masonry in General, And to Pay and Perform whatever is Stipulated or Demanded of them for the Support of the Dignity of the Grand Lodge, And to Record in their Books, which they are hereby Appointed to keep this present Charter of Constitution and Erection

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with their own Regulations and bye Laws and their whole Procedure from time to time as they shall Occur, to the end the same may be the more easily Seen, and Observed by their Brethren, Subject always to the rules of the Grand Lodge, And also the Brethren aforesaid and their Successors are hereby Required punctually to Attend the whole General Meetings, and Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge by their Representatives being the Master and the Wardens for the time or by Lawful Proxies in their Names *Provided* Such Proxies be Master Masons or Fellow Crafts of some Established Lodge, holding of the Grand Lodge To the End they may Act and Vote in the Grand Lodge, and be duly Certiorated of the Proceedings thereof Declaring their Precedency in the Grand Lodge to Commence from the date hereof And to the End these presents may be the more effectually kept and Preserved, the same are hereby appointed to be Recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge *Given at the Grand Lodge Held in the City of Edinburgh* upon the Twelfth day of November In the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One, And of Light Five thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four years By The Most Worshipfull His Excellency *Lieutenant General, James Adolphus Oughton* Grand Master Mason of Scotland, The Right Worshipfull Sir William Erskine Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipfull and Honourable Collonel Napier Substitute Grand Master pro tempore, The Right Worshipfull Doctor James Lind and William Baillie Esquire Grand Wardens, James Hunter Esquire Grand Treasurer, And the Seal of the Grand Lodge is Appended hereunto.

In presence of Alexander McDougall Esquire Grand Secretary and David Bolt Grand Clerk.

ALEX: McDOUGALL, G. Secty.
DAVID BOLT G. Clerk

JA^s. ADOL^s. OUGHTON G. M.
W^m. NAPIER S. G. M^r. p. t.
JAMES LIND S. G. W.
WILL: BAILLIE J. G. W.

Conyrosition Gratis perder
A. McD., G. S.

Number One hundred & Sixty nine. Recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland by David Bolt G. Clerk

As before stated, this warrant fell into the hands of the Americans at the battle of Princeton. A few months later, when Philadelphia was occupied by the British, September,

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1777, the Brethren of Unity Lodge, in the 17th Regiment of Foot, being without any warrant, obtained one under the same name but numbered 18, from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then for a time under Tory domination.

Nothing is definitely known as to the immediate circumstances surrounding the granting of this warrant, to the Lodge by the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, as the records of the Grand Lodge, during those eventful months, are not available.

During the same year that the 17th Regiment of Foot received their Scotch warrant, they were sent to Ireland, where they remained until the fall of 1775, when they embarked for North America; and, after a stormy passage, arrived at Boston harbor, New Year's Day, 1776. Not being able to make a landing, they proceeded to Nova Scotia, whence, after a short stay, they re-embarked for New York, and landed at Staten Island, proceeding to Long Island, where they took part in the battle on the 27th of August, 1776, and the occupation of New York, September 15, the engagement at White Plains, October 28, and the reduction of Fort Washington, November 16. The following year, 1777, on January 3, the 17th Foot took part in the battle of Princeton.⁵

In this engagement, Bro. William Leslie, Captain of the 17th Regiment of Foot, and Extra Major of Brigade, was mortally wounded. There is an interesting tradition connected with his death and burial. When, after the battle, Gen. Washington was riding over the field, he perceived some British soldiers supporting a wounded officer,⁶ and upon inquiring his name and rank, was answered, Captain Leslie. Dr. Ben-

⁵ Cf. "Historical Record of 17th or the Leicestershire Regiment of Foot, 1688-1848," by Richard Cannon, London, 1848.

⁶ "Recollections and Private Memoirs of Washington," by G. W. P. Custis, New York, 1860, p. 186.



BRO. CAPT. WILLIAM LESLIE.

KILLED AT BATTLE OF PRINCETON, JANUARY 3, 1777.

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IN 17TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

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jamin Rush, who formed a part of the Commander's Staff, asked whether he was "a Son of the Earl of Leven"; being answered in the affirmative, he asked to have him placed under his care. He, however, died the same evening, and was buried with martial and Masonic honors by his American Brethren, in the graveyard at Pluckamin, where a monument⁷ marks his resting place. Two days after the battle, Washington sent his aide, Col. Fitzgerald, into the British camp, with a flag of truce, advising the British of the death of Capt. Leslie, and of the honors with which he was interred.⁸

The 17th Regiment of Foot also took part in the expedition to Pennsylvania, and in the battle on the Brandywine, September 11, where they led the attack on the American position, and in the following October saved the day for the British at the battle of Germantown, after which they were quartered in Philadelphia during the British occupation, from September 27, 1777, to June 18, 1778.⁹

When the British took possession there were three active Masonic Lodges in the City, viz.: Lodges 2, 3 and 4. No meetings were held by Lodge No. 2, while Philadelphia was in the hands of the enemy, for the reason, that, at the very entrance of the British, the Lodge room of No. 2 was looted by the soldiery—their jewels, regalia and warrant stolen. Lodges 3 and 4 held their regular stated meetings during the occupation. Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3,^{9a} was the especial favorite of the British Brethren, as a number of the prominent

⁷ Erected by direction of Dr. Benjamin Rush "as a mark of his esteem for his worth and respect for his noble family."

⁸ "Memoirs of My Own Times," by Gen. James Wilkinson, Philadelphia, 1816, Vol. I, p. 147.

⁹ Cf. "Historical Record of 17th or the Leicestershire Regiment of Foot, 1688-1848," by Richard Cannon, London, 1848.

^{9a} Official title of Lodge No. 3, A. Y. M., during that period.

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members of the Lodge were pronounced Tories. Further, during these troublous times the warrant of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was in the possession of Lodge No. 3, and upon one occasion, in the absence of both the Grand Master and his Deputy, who had left the City or refused to countenance the proceedings, they resolved themselves into a Grand Lodge, the two Grand Wardens being present. If at any future time the old warrant should be discovered, it will be found that it was granted either on St. John's Day, December 27, 1777, when, as above stated, several Grand Officers were present at the meeting of Lodge No. 3, or on February 21, 1778, when the Provincial Grand warrant came into the possession of that Lodge and its members. That this whole proceeding was done under Tory auspices in a more or less irregular manner is shown by the fact that the warrant was addressed to the 17th Regiment of Foot as upon the Registry of England.

Further, that the granting of this warrant was not deemed regular by our Grand Lodge at the time, appears from the fact that no entry whatever of its issue is to be found in any of the books of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Then, again, the numbering of the warrant was an error by the parties who granted it. The number had already been assigned to a Lodge in Dover, Delaware, August 26, 1775, as has been shown in the previous Chapter, which was an active, patriotic Masonic body during the Revolution, most all of its members, during that period, serving in the cause of freedom.

And by a strange coincidence, it was the Delaware troops that captured the warrant of the Brethren in the 17th Regiment of Foot, which, when replaced by the Pennsylvania Brethren, should have been given the same number as that of the warrant under which their American captors worked.

To All and sundry who have Knowledge these presents shall Come
 Accepted Masons for the Kingdom of Scotland By Brother John Haldane
 of Foot, personally in Edinburgh the 15th of June 1744 for a Considerable
 Island that through the many Hazardous Enterprises in which they have
 whole Records and Books. And being willing still to Associate together for
 the said Thomas Kinross for Master John Haldane and John Haldane for Wardens
 please the Grand Lodge to Grant them a Charter of Constitution and Election in
 mention having been given of the Prisoners by Lieutenant Richard Aylmer
 and Election to be Expeditious in the Prison and Garrison Know ye the
 Have constituted the said and Appointed and hereby constituted each
 to be a Free and Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons by the title of
 Regular Lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland
 Successors full Power and Authority to meet Assemble and Convene as a
 Masons upon Payment of such Composition for the support of their Lodge
 or other ways as they shall have Occasion Recommending to the Grand
 Lodge, as becomes the Honour and Harmony of Masonry the said Brother
 their said Lodge or Constitution nor upon any pretext whatsoever to make
 nor to collect Money or other Funds separate from the Common Stock of the
 to Obey and Pay all due regard to the Acts Statutes and Regulations of the Grand
 in General and to Pay and Discharge what is stipulated or demanded
 they are hereby Appointed to have this present Charter of Constitution and
 as they shall Occur, to the end the same may be the more easily kept and
 Brother on affidavit and their officers are hereby required punctually
 their Representatives being their Master and Wardens of the Lodge or Lodge
 same Establishment Lodge, holding of the Grand Lodge to the end they may be
 Proceesing in the Grand Lodge to Commence from the date hereof a
 Appointed to be Recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge with all the
 of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One, And of His
 Excellency Lieutenant General, James Adolphus Ough
 Deputy Grand Master the said Sir John Haldane and Honourable Colonel
 and William Baillie Esquire Grand Wardens James Haldane
 in presence of Alexander MacDougall Esquire Grand Secretary

David Douglas Esq
 David Douglas Esq

Compositio

Number One hundred and Fifty
 Lodge of Scotland by

1890. Appendo d'insolente
 Joe. Nat. English
 1st of 1890
 James Lind S. G. W.
 Will. Lindie J. G. W.

Order
G. L.
in the Books of the Grand
Old G. L.

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The old Minute Books of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, and No. 4, give us an interesting insight into the Masonic life, in Philadelphia during the occupation of the City by the enemy; at the same time, it shows the universality of Freemasonry, where friend and foe met on an equal footing. For this purpose, we give the names of both members and visitors who attended these Lodges during that period. Lodge No. 3 appears to have been the especial favorite Lodge with the British officers and Tory sympathisers.

The battle of Brandywine was fought and lost and the City was at the mercy of the enemy, who entered September 27, 1777. At the next stated meeting of Lodge No. 3, held three days later, there were present:

September 30th, 1777, a Lodge of Emergency was opened by Lodge No. 3 at 8 o'clock P. M.

Members present.

Bro. Peter Kurtz, M.
" Alex^r. Kidd S. W.
" Peter Sutter¹⁰ J. W.
" Martin Jugiez
" Anthony Yieldal¹⁰
" Robert de Silver¹¹
" Hugh Stewart¹⁰

Visitors.

Bro. William Dement, Lodge No.
37¹²
" Jacob Diegel Lodge No. 4
" Mathew Whitehead Lodge
No. 4
" Thomas Banks Lodge No. 4
" Alex^r. Boyle Lodge No. 4
" Henry Jones Lodge No. 4
" John Sullivan

at this meeting Cap^t. John Addington and Lieut. Peter M^cPherson¹³ were ballotted for, approved and Initiated into the first step of Masonry.

October 2, 1777. A Regular Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 3 was held at 8 o'clock P. M.

¹⁰ Loyalists or Tories.

¹¹ A "Modern Mason," admitted August 7, 1777.

¹² No. 37, either English or Irish Register.

¹³ Officers in the Guides and Pioneers of the Tory Legion.

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Members.

Bro. Peter Kurtz, M.
 " Thomas Dewees S. W.
 " Henry Jones Lodge N^o. 4
 J. W. pro. tem.
 " Hugh Stewart¹⁴
 " Robert de Silver
 " Martin Jugiez
 " W^m. Dement
 " Richard Armit
 " Anthony Yieldal¹⁴
 " John Addington
 " Peter M^cPherson
 " Laurence Fegan¹⁴
 " Peter Sutter¹⁴

Visitors.

Bro. Lieu^t. John Cosby Swindell¹⁵
 " Henry Jones Lodge N^o. 4

When Bro. De Silver was raised to the degree of a Master Mason.

Bros. John Addington & Peter M^cPherson were passed.

Brother Cosby Swindell at the same time petitioned to become a member of this Lodge, he was ballotted for and admitted. Lodge closed at 10 o'clock.

At the regular stated meeting of Lodge N^o. 4, held *October 7, 1777*, there were present:

Members.

Bro. Whitehead, Master
 " Diegel S. W.
 " Boyle, J. W.
 " Bunburry
 " Jones
 " Page
 " Banks
 " Cromie
 " Kinder

Visitors.

Bro. Zanes
 " M^cEvoy
 " M^cPherson
 " Fegan¹⁶

¹⁴ Local Tories.

¹⁵ Lieut. Swindell, an officer in the 55th Regiment of Foot.

¹⁶ Lawrence Fegan also became a proscribed Tory, was attainted of treason, and his property confiscated.

The Jewels of Lodge No. 2, A. M. M.

Members.

Bro. Hewsted

“ McCawley

At this meeting the regular routine business of the Lodge was attended.^{16a}

October 10, 1777. Lodge No. 3 held a Lodge of Emergency at 7 o'clock P. M.

Present.

Bro. Peter Kurtz W. M.

“ Thomas Banks Lodge No. 4

“ Mat. Whitehead “ No. 4

“ Jacob Diegel “ No. 4

“ Alex^r. Boyle “ No. 4

“ W^m. Cunningham

“ W^m. Dement, P. M. No. 37

“The Business on which the Lodge was called (having duly summoned the Brethren of Lodge No. 4 and also Br. John Wood our D. G. M. who did not attend) was to consider and resolve what should be done with the Jewels, Books and papers of Lodge No. 2 and those of former Lodge No. 3, which fortunately fell into the hands of our Worthy Brother Cap^t. William Cunningham after being stolen out of Lodge No. 2 and we the members present of Lodge No. 3 and 4 have unanimously resolved to deposit the aforesaid Jewels, Books, papers, &c in Lodge No. 3 until such time as a Grand Lodge or a Committee of a Grand Lodge be called who shall consider and conclude on delivering the same to the proper person or persons. Resolved: to take an acct. of same as delivered by Br Cunningham which was 20 in number, A Punch Ladle, handle broke off, and a few pieces of small lace ripped of the Collars of No. 2 together with a Delft punch bowl.”

The William Cunningham who was instrumental in the

^{16a} For transactions, *vide* History of Lodge No. 4, Chapter VIII, *supra*.

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recovery of the stolen jewels and regalia of Lodge No. 2, was none other than the notorious Capt. William Cunningham, a native of Dublin, who was Gen. Howe's Provost Marshal during the occupation. Of all the actors in that memorable struggle, he looms up as a veritable fiend incarnate by his oppression of patriot prisoners, military as well as civilian. His name is the most infamous in the history of the American struggle for independence. It is stated that while he was provost marshal of the British army in America, over 250 Americans were hung by his orders, and over 2,000 prisoners were starved to death by his cruelty. Cunningham eventually got his deserts on the gallows, in London, August 10, 1791, an end to which his vicious instincts brought him.

The Masonic incident, as described in the old Minute Book of Lodge No. 3, is the only case known where Cunningham's name is connected with any good or honorable action. Nor was it ever known or surmized that any person of Cunningham's merciless character should have sought or could have gained admission within the tyled portals of the Masonic Fraternity, and not be influenced in his general character, by the benign precepts taught within the Lodge. Unfortunately, nothing whatever is known of his Masonic career, not even what Lodge he was made in or was affiliated with.

Nov. 4, 1777 (Stated Night). Lodge N^o. 4 opened in due form.

Members present.

Bro. Whitehead, Master

" Diegel, S. W.

" Boyle, J. W.

" Banks

" Hewsted

" Page

" Glenn

" Bunbury.

Visitor.

Bro. Dement P. M. N^o. 37.

The musical score is written for piano in 2/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven systems of staves. The first system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The fourth system includes a first ending marked "1st time." and a second ending marked "and time." with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The score concludes with a final double bar line in the seventh system.

THE OFFICIAL MARCH OF H. B. M. 17TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

(UNITY LODGE, No. 18, A. Y. M.)

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Members.

Bro. Casey
" Cromie
" Jones
" Kinder

Visitors.

For transactions, *vide* Chapter VIII, *supra*.

No work was done at this meeting.

Dec. 2, 1777. Stated meeting of Lodge N^o. 4

Members present.

Bro. Whitehead Master
" Diegel S. W.
" Johnss J. W.
" Banks
" Page
" Casey
" Boyle
" Dow
" Glenn
" Kinder
" McGannon
" Bunbury

Visitors.

Bro. McCutchen
" Catley
" Dement.

Election of Officers:

Jacob Diegel, W. M. Alex. Boyle, S. W. Michael McGannon, J. W. Jos. Page, S. D. Bunbury, J. D. Matthew Whitehead, Sec'y.

December 4, 1777. At the stated meeting of Lodge N^o. 3 at 7 o'clock.

Members present.

Bro. Peter Kurtz, M.
" Alexander Kidd
" Laurence Fegan
" Thomas Dewees

Visitors.

Bro. Thomas Banks N^o. 4
" Mat. Whitehead N^o. 4
" Alex^r. Boyle N^o. 4
" W^m. Derment
" John McKennon
" Donald McAlpin

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Members present.

Visitors.

Bro. James Miller
" Barth Ginn No. 4
" Duncan Stewart.

Proceeded to an Election of Officers for the ensuing six months when Br. Alexander Kidd was chosen Master, Br. Thomas Dewees Sen^r. Warden, Br. Robert De Silver, Jun^r Warden, & Laurence Fegan, Senior Deacon.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1777. Lodge No. 4 met and installed the officers elected Dec. 2^d.

Members present.

Visitors.

Bro. Whitehead
" Diegel
" Boyle
" Banks
" Bunbury
" Page
" Kinder
" Clark
" Glenn

Bro. Dewees
" De Silver No. 3

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. 1777. The Brethren of Lodge No. 3 met to Install the Officers.

Members present.

Visitors.

Bro. Alexander Kidd M.
" Thomas Dewees, S. W.
" Robert De Silver J. W.
" Peter Kurtz
" W^m. Dement
" Laurence Fegan
" Lieut. McPherson

Bro. William Shute, S. G. W.
" John Howard J. G. W.
" Francis Clark No. 4
" W^m. Cattle
" Sam^l. Kinder No. 4
" Lieut. Kane¹⁷
" Lieut. McGrath¹⁸
" Cornelius Ayan
" Lieut. McEvoy¹⁸

¹⁷ Lieut. Nathaniel Kane, 4th Regiment of Foot.

¹⁸ Not on the Regular Army list; probably American Loyalist.

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January 6th. 1778. A Regular Stated Meeting of Lodge N°. 4 was held

<i>Members.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. Jacob Diegel Master	Bro. Jugiez N°. 3
" Boyle S. W.	" Catla
" McGannon J. W.	" Armitt
" Page, S. D.	" Ryan
" Banks J. D.	" Zane
	" Dement
	" McCannon
	" McAlpin
	" Martin

For transactions, *vide* Chapter VIII *supra*.

February 3, 1778. A regular stated meeting of Lodge N°. 4 was held,

<i>Members present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. Diegel Master	Bro. Catley
" Boyle, S. W.	" Dement
" McGannon J. W.	" Ryan
" Banks	" Webb
" Whitehead	" Campbell
" Page	" Zane
" Glenn	
" Jones	

when Capt. John Morris¹⁹ and Capt. Jeremiah Pecker were approved and initiated.

February 5. 1778. Lodge N°. 3 in due form opened at 7 O'clock.

¹⁹ Capt. John Morris, officer in New Jersey Loyalist Volunteers, a native of Boston; after the war settled at Shelbourne, Nova Scotia.

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Members present.

Bro. Anthony Yieldal M.
" Laurence Fegan
" Peter McPherson
" Dean Simmons
" Alex^r. Kidd
" Andrew Donaldson

Visitors.

Bro. W^m. Shute S. G. W.
" Cornelius Ryan
" ——— Stewart
" John Morris N^o. 4
" John Dalton
" Jacob Diegel N^o. 4
" Alex^r. Boyle
" Terence McGrath

At this meeting, Bro. Peter McPherson was Raised to the Degree of a Master Mason and Bro. John Turner²⁰ was Initiated. The Worshipful reports he paid three pounds to Bro. Fegan for a Stove for the use of this Lodge. It was moved by Bro. Kidd to have a Lecture every Sunday evening between 3 and 5 O'clock, and it was recommended to the lately initiated brethren to attend for instruction.

February 17, 1778. Lodge N^o. 3 opened a Lodge of Emergency.

Members present.

Bro. Alex^r. Kidd, Master
" Thomas Dewees S. W.
" Capt. McPherson J. W.
" Anthony Yieldal
" John Turner
" Laurence Fegan

Visitors.

Bro. William Hunter
" Capt. McKennon²¹
" George Leybourn
" Capt. Byrne²²
" ——— Webb
" Alex^r. Parns
" Jerem^h. Pecker
" James Complin
" Jacob Diegel N^o. 4
" John Moris N^o. 4
" Cornelius Ryan²³

²⁰ John Turner was a Philadelphia merchant, who was attainted and his property confiscated.

²¹ Capt. John McKennon, Deputy Quartermaster General.

²² An officer in the Loyalist Corps, taken prisoner but escaped.

²³ A native of New York, a Captain in the Loyal Association, also settled in Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

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Nathaniel Horton, Jacob Webb, Solomon Smith, and Robert Rathmell were ballotted for, and unanimously approved of, Initiated and paid their Lodge dues.

February 19, 1778. An Emergency Lodge was held by Lodge N^o. 4

Members present

Bro. Diegel, Master
" Boyle, S. W.
" Page, J. W.
" Banks
" Whitehead
" Glenn
" Kinder
" Pecker
" Morris
" Jones

Visitors.

Bro. Catley
" Zane
" Webb
" Camplin
" M^cGrath
" Kensington
" Fagan
" Miller

Bros. Morris & Pecker were passed ; David Duncan approved & initiated.

February 21, 1778. Lodge of Emergency opened by Lodge N^o. 3, at 7 O'clock.

Members present.

Bro. Alex^r. Kidd M^r.
" Thomas Dewees, S. W.
" Robert De Silver, J. W.
" Nathaniel Horton
" Jacob Webb
" Solomon Smith
" Peter Kurtz
" Hugh Stewart
" John Turner
" Andrew Donaldson

Visitors.

Bro. Thomas Banks²⁴ N^o. 4
" Alexander Cairns
" John Burnham²⁵
" William Cotta
" David Duncan N^o. 4
" Capt. M^cKennon
" Capt. John Morris N^o. 4
" Mathew Thomson
" William Hunter
" Sebastian Needham²⁶

²⁴ Sergeant in New Jersey Loyal Volunteers.

²⁵ A native of Connecticut.

²⁶ A Captain in the Queen's Rangers.

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Members.

Visitors.

Bro. Jeremiah Pecker N^o. 4
" James Complin
" W^m. Dement
" Chas. Babington
" Cornelius Ryan

Bros John Brightman, John Colvill and Thomas Harding were ballotted for and initiated. Bro. Alexander Parnes, entered in an Ancient Lodge and raised in a Modern Lodge, petitioned for membership and was approved Bro. Alex^r. Bartram of Lodge N^o. 2 informed that our Right Worshipful Grand Master has desired to deliver the Grand Warrant he had from England into Lodge N^o. 3. The Master and some Brethren of N^o. 4 being present, agreed to appoint a Committee to wait on the Grand Master to receive the same. Bros. Alexander Bartram, Hugh Stewart Thomas Banks and Br. Thomas Dewees were appointed to wait upon the Grand Master for the purpose the next morning

February 28th 1778. Lodge N^o. 3 was opened in due form at 7 O'clock.

Members present.

Visitors.

Bro. Alexander Kidd M^r.
" Thomas Dewees S. W.
" Jacob Diegel J. W.
" Martin Jugiez
" W^m. Dement
" Jeremiah Pecker
" W^m. Cotta
" John Turner

Bro. John Morris
" James Magrath
" James Webb
" John Brightmen
" Alex^r. Cairns
" Robert Ruthmell
" Cornelius Ryan
" John Burnham
" Samuel Webb

Bros. Robt. Rothman, Alex^r. Cairns, John Bughtman, Jacob Webb, and John Turner passed as fellow Crafts. Br. Robert Donaldson being Entered in Scotland petitioned to become a

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member of this Lodge recommended by the Master, was duly ballotted for and unanimously admitted.

March 4, 1778. The Regular Stated Meeting of Lodge N^o. 4 was held.

Members present.

Bro. Diegel, Master
" Boyle, S. W.
" Webb, J. W.
" Whitehead
" Glenn
" Pecker
" Duncan

Visitors.

Bro. Catly
" Webb
" Camplin
" Badger

At this meeting, Bros. Morris and Pecker were raised, Bro. Duncan, passed, and William Armstrong²⁷ and Benjamin Trotter²⁸ approved

March 5, 1778. Lodge N^o. 3 was opened in due form at 7 O'clock.

Members present.

Bro. Alexander Kidd, M.
" Jacob Webb, S. W.
" Robert De Silver, J. W.
" John Turner
" Anthony Yieldal
" Laurence Fegan
" Cosby Swindell
" ——— Webb
" John Brightman
" Robt. Ruthmell
" Alex. Cairns

Visitors.

Bro. Alexander Boyle
" Jacob Diegel
" John McAlpin
" George Leybourne
" ——— Becker
" ——— Burnham

Bros. Nathaniel Horton, Solomon Smith,²⁹ John Colvill and

²⁷ William Armstrong was Captain in a Loyalist Corps, and was a native of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

²⁸ Bros. Duncan and Trotter were both Loyalists.

²⁹ Solomon Smith, a proscribed Tory, banished from Massachusetts.

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Thomas Harding³⁰ passed the degree of a fellow Craft. Br. Yiedall has delivered 12 Books, Freemason's Pocket Companions which he bought by consent and for the use of this Lodge at 3/9 Each³¹ Bros. Cairns, Turner, Rothwell, Brightman and Webb were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Alexander M^cDonald, recommended by B^r. M^cAlpine petitioned and ordered to lye on the books.

March 7, 1778. An Emergency Lodge was opened by Lodge N^o. 3 at 7 O'clock.

<i>Members present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. Alexander Kidd, M.	Bro. Morrison
" Webb, S. W.	" Wardrobe
" Donaldson J. W.	" Burnham
" M ^c Alpin, S. D.	" Stark
" Turner, Sec'y.	" Pecker
" Brightman	
" De Silver	
" Yieldal	
" Jugiez	

Bros. Horton, Smith, Colville, and Harding were raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Of the twelve Books delivered by Yieldall last Lodge night the Master paid for one for the use of the Lodge and the other eleven were purchased by a number of the Brethren. M^r. Alexander M^cDonald was Ballotted for and Initiated and paid his Lodge dues £3.15 to the Treasurer.

April 1st. 1778. A Stated Meeting of Lodge N^o. 4 was held.

<i>Members present.</i>	<i>Visitors.</i>
Bro. Diegel, Master	Bro. Dewees
" Boyle, S. W.	" Webb
" Webb, J. W.	" Leybourn

³⁰ Also a Tory refugee.

³¹ One of these books is in the Grand Lodge Library.

British and Tory

Members present.

Bro. Banks
" Whitehead
" Page
" Clark
" Jones
" Glenn
" Morris
" Pecker
" Duncan
" Armstrong

Visitors.

Bro. Golman
" Horton
" Webb
" Brightman
" Grimes
" Burnham
" Camplin
" Smith
" Catley
" Cunningham

Bro. David Duncan was raised; Armstrong was passed and
Benj. Duncan entered

April 2, 1778. Lodge N^o. 3 opened in due form at 7 O'clock

Members present.

Bro. Alexander Kidd, Mass^r.
" Thomas Dewees, S. W.
" Dan^l. McAlpin
" Thomas Harding
" John Morrison
" Nathaniel Horton
" William Fullerton
" W^m. Lisley
" John Brightman
" Alex^r. Graham
" Alex^r. McDonald
" W^m. Armstrong
" Solomon Smith
" John Colvill

Visitors.

Bro. William Starr
" George Leybourn
" Jeremiah Pecker
" Samuel Webb
" John Dalton
" J. Barnes

At this meeting Charles McDonald was initiated and paid the Master his Lodge dues £3.15 and Bro. Alexander McDonald was passed and raised. A petition from Bro. Fergus Purdon was read, when it was unanimously agreed that the Master, & Senior Warden should visit him and supply him with what his necessities required out of the fund. The Master

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paid £3.9.3 for the expenses of Brother Bunbury's Funeral
as also £1.10. for ribbons.

May 6, 1778. Stated Meeting of Lodge N^o. 4

Members present.

Bro. Jacob Diegel, M.
" Alex^r. Boyle S. W.
" Dave Duncan J. W.
" Mathew Whitehead
" Joseph Page
" Ira Clark
" Barth^w. Glenn
" Henry Jones
" Jeremiah Pecker
" W^m. Armstrong
" John Morris
" Benjamin Trotter

Visitors.

Bro. Tho^s. Dewees
" Hugh Stewart
" Philip Morris
" Thomas Miller
" Samuel Jarvis
" John Mansfield
" Barth^w. Sullivan
" Mich^l. Cunningham
" Martin Jugiez
" W^m. Catley
" Robt. M^cCutchem
" Jacob Webb
" John Brightman
" Solomon Smith
" Robert Raithnall
" Samuel Webb
" George Leybourn
" Jos. M^cGrath
" Alex^r. Armstrong
" Jos. Morrison
" Duncan Stuart

John Hill and John Church (the former a Loyalist), were
approved and initiated being uncertain of their stay in the
city. Bro. Trotter was passed and a petition was received
from William M^cMichael.

*Thursday May 7. Lodge N^o. 3 opened in due form at 7
o'clock*

Members present.

Bro. Alex^r. Kidd M.
" Thomas Dewees S. W.
" W^m Fullerton J. W.

Visitors.

Bro. Alexander Gordon
" James Gowdey
" Chas. Blackwisk

British and Tory

Members present.

Bro. Rich^d. Armit
" Jacob Webb
" Martin Jugiez
" John Turner

Visitors.

Bro. David Duncan
" Jer. Pecker
" Capt. John Stapleton
" Capt. Cooke
" Capt. Jno. Jones
" Capt. Thos. Lugh
" Sam^l. Webb

Bro. Charles M^cDonald passed degree of a fellow Craft. Capt. Pierce Hurley³² applied to become a Mason. Ordered to lye on the Books. Spent the evening in harmony and closed the Lodge at 10 o'clock.

The Master paid Bro. Gislin the Tyler 10/,

May 14, 1778. An Emergency Lodge was opened by Lodge N^o. 4.

Members present.

Bro. Jacob Diegel Master
" Alexander Boyle S. W.
" Thomas Banks J. W.
" Mathew Whitehead
" Barth^w Glenn
" Jeremiah Pecker
" Benjamin Trotter
" John Hill
" Henry Jones

Visitors.

Bro. W^m Catley

Bro. John Hill was passed as he not knowing his stay in the City.

May 17, 1778. An Emergency Lodge opened in due form by Lodge N^o. 4.

Members present.

Bro. Whitehead Master
" Boyle S. W.

Visitors.

Bro. W^m Catley
" Smith

³² Not in the Regular Army list.

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Members present.

Bro. Diegel J. W.
" Duncan
" Banks
" Pecker

Visitors.

Bro. Brightman
" Kurtz
" M^cCutcheon
" Count

On account of the speedy departure of Bro. John Hill he was raised to the degree of Master Mason.

June 3 1778. Stated Meeting of Lodge N^o. 4.

Members present.

Bro. Diegel Master
" Boyle S. W.
" M^cGannon J. W.
" Whitehead
" Jones
" Clark
" Glenn
" Armstrong
" Hill
" Trotter
" Duncan
" Page
" Church

Visitors.

Bro. Catley
" Morris
" Dewees

Election of officers.

June 4, 1778. Lodge N^o. 3 in due form opened at 1½ past 7.

Members present.

Bro. Alex^r Kidd M.
" Thomas Dewees
" Thomas Horton
" William Frazier
" Samuel Webb
" Alexander M^cDonald
" Thomas Harding
" Chas. M^cDonald
" Solomon Smith

Visitors.

Bro. William Armstrong
" William Hunter

The East of the Tories

Members present.

Visitors.

Bro. William Catta

" Jas. Breghtman

" Chas. Blaskewitz

" W^m Stark

" Hugh Stewart

" Laurence Fegan

" Martin Jugiez

" Robt. McAlpin

" Anthony Yieldal

Bro. Charles McDonald, Raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and this being the night for chusing officers, we proceeded to Election when, Br. Anthony Yieldal was chosen Master, Br. Thomas Dewees S. W. and Br. Laurence Fegan J. W. Br. Martin Jugiez Treasurer and Bro. Hugh Stewart Sec'y.

Closed in harmony at 10.

June 5, 1778 (*Emergency*). Lodge N^o. 4 opened in due form.

Members present.

Visitors.

Bro. Diegel Mas^r.

" Boyle S. W.

" Jones J. W.

" McGannon

" Whitehead

" Duncan

" Trotter

Bro. Catley

" Morris

" Leslie M^r 86³⁸

" McGulrick 510

" Bower 52

" Sicks 90

" Cockburn 18³⁴

" Miller 2

" Betty 510

This *Emergency* being call'd by Br. Trotter, on finding him Worthy he was Rais'd to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

³⁸ Capt. William Leslie, 46th Regiment of Foot.

³⁴ Lieut. Col. James Cockburn, 35th Regiment of Foot.

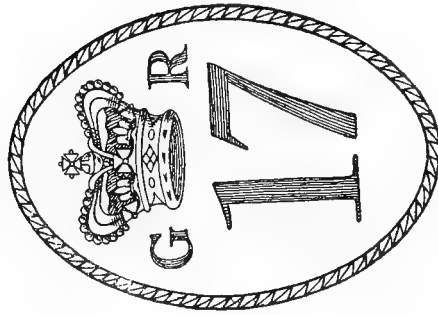
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During the British occupation, the 17th Foot was particularly active in harrassing the American outposts and raiding the surrounding country. After the evacuation of Philadelphia, the Regiment marched with the army through the Jerseys on its return to New York. Shortly afterwards the Regiment was placed in garrison at Stony Point on the Hudson. On the night of July 15, 1779, the fort was stormed by the Americans under Gen. Wayne, and the 17th Foot were made prisoners of war and their baggage captured. It was upon this occasion, that the Pennsylvania warrant fell into the hands of the Americans, and was returned by Gen. Parsons, as before stated.

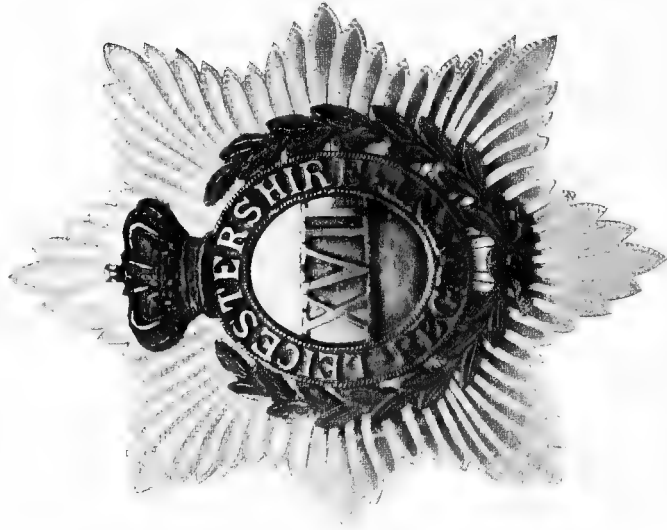
During the same year the Regiment was exchanged, and in October, 1780, was stationed in Virginia. Early in 1781, they joined the army under Cornwallis in the South, and gained the victory over the Americans at Guilford Court House; thence they were sent to Yorktown, where, October 19th, 1781, the Regiment was again made prisoners of war. August, 1782, the Regiment received orders to assume the title of the Seventeenth, or the Leicestershire Regiment.³⁵ During all these vicissitudes of the Brethren, owing to the fortunes of war, the Lodge was kept alive and intact, working under the Pennsylvania warrant. In the early part of 1783, the Regiment was stationed at New York. Peace having been concluded the Regiment with its Lodge was removed to Nova Scotia, where it was stationed until the fall of 1786, when they embarked for England.

It was during the latter year, that the Brethren learned of a report that their warrant either was or had been cancelled, when the following letter was sent to the Grand Lodge

³⁵ For an official history of this Regiment, *vide*, "Historical Record of 17th or the Leicestershire Regiment of Foot, 1688-1848," by Richard Cannon, London, 1848. Copy in the Grand Lodge Library.



OFFICERS' SILVER BREAST PLATE
DURING REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.



RELICS OF H. B. M. 17TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
(UNITY LODGE, No. 18, A. Y. M.)
SHAKO PLATE OF THE REGIMENT.



LOUISBOURG MEDAL, 1758.

of Pennsylvania, and was read at the Quarterly Communication, June 12, 1786.³⁶

“UNTO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL THE GRAND
MASTER, GRAND WARDENS &^c &^c OF ANTIENT
YORK MASONS HELD IN THE STATE OF PENN-
SYLVANIA

ascertained

“*Right Worshipfull Brethren.* We the Worshipfull Master & Wardens of Lodge Unity N^o. 18 held in This Brittanick Majesty's 17th. Reg^t. of Foot, & under Your Register—having heard a Report which is spread through this Province of Our Warrant being by you Cancelled & that one of the same Number has been Granted to a Lodge in Pensylvania.

“We, have taken this method of acquainting you that we have wrote to Our Mother Grand Lodge in Scotland, willing to obtain a Duplicate of Our Antient Warrant N^o. 169 without as yet receiving any Answer, & we not Expecting that Our said Warrant N^o. 18 would have been Declared Void, till we might have Obtained the Duplicate of our said antient Warrant; We, therefore humbly request you will be so Obliging as to Inform us whether or not there is any Foundation for the very Disagreeable Report so Industiously propagated in this Province, if there is, we shall Instantly Desist from working under Our Present Warrant, till we Can Obtain a proper Authority from Scotland or England..

“We should think ourselves peculiarly happy if at the same Time you send an answer to this that you would likewise transmit to us, an account of all Back dues from our last Settlement, to this present time, in Order that the sum due, may be Remmitted to you by the earliest Opportunity

“We, should have Often Wrote to you had not our unsettled Situation as a Military Lodge Prevented us by being Constantly in Motion from one Place to Another; however we took the first Opportunity of Writing to you (at the Conclusion of the Peace) from New York, to which we received no Answer.

“The strongest Reasons induces us to think that some Irregular body of Masons (Probably within Your District) are working under our Antient Warrant N^o. 169, if you would be so kind as to make Enquiry thro' the Different Grand Lodges of the United States of

³⁶ Original letter in MSS. Volume I, paquet 87, folio 53.

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America, respecting the same, it would be a Lasting Obligation & ever gratefully Remembered while a Lodge exists in His Britannick Majesty's 17th. Regiment of Foot if a Discovery is made & information sent to us.

"As an addition to your many kind & obliging Favors. We have farther to Request you should do us the honor of Communicating to Our Worthy friend & Brother General Parsons, the high sense have of His Unexampled Goodness, in restoring to us our Warrant which happy for us fell into his hands, we likewise beg leave to return the General Our Grateful & sincere thanks for the very Polite Letter Accompanying the Same. His Generous Sentiments shall ever be Remembered by every Brother of N^o. 18 with the Gratitude due to such Benevolence of heart

"We have the honor to be,

"Right Worshipfull Brethren, with the Greatest

"Shelburne Barracks } Deference & Esteem
28th. March 1786 } Yours &c. &c. &c.

"To the Right Worshipfull }
Will^m. Ball Esq or (pro }
tempore) Grand Master of }
the Grand Lodge of Pensyl- }
vania" }
"DANIEL WEBB, Master
W. HUMPAGE S } Wardens
E. HUMPAGE J }

W^m. DAVIDSON, Sec^y."

The following reply was sent to the Brethren of the 17th Regiment of Foot at the Shelburne Barracks:³⁷

"PHILADELPHIA August 11th 1786

"Brethren

"Your much esteemed favor of the 28th. March last duly came to hand and was laid before the Grand Lodge at their last Quarterly Communication when I was directed by them to advise you that they were very happy to hear from you & to find that you continue united together in love & harmony

"The Grand Lodge not having for a long period of time heard from you, and supposing that the Lodge in consequence of the war had dissolved did grant a Warrant of the same number which you work under,³⁵ but at the same time did not nor do they yet consider

³⁵ This is an error. No. 18, Dover, was granted two years before the British occupation.

³⁷ Original draft of reply, Vol. I., paquet 87, folio 55.

The Last Communication from Unity Lodge, No. 18

the same vacated and they still wish to consider you as under their jurisdiction.

"The books of the Treasurer having by some means during the war got lost He is unable to make the statement of your account with the Grand Lodge, they therefore request that you would ascertain the same from your Books as near as may be calculating as dues to the G. L. five shillings for every Initiation and 4/3^d annuum from every member.

"Every possible attention shall be paid & diligence used to find the Warrant mention'd to be lost and if found they will take great pleasure in transmitting it agreeable to your desire.

"The Grand Lodge happy at all times to render you every service in their power have directed that a letter be written to our worthy Brother General Parsons in your behalf, on the subject of his attention and politeness to you.

"The Grand Lodge will be pleased to hear from you from time to time and you have their best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of your Lodge

"I am Brethren with every respect & Esteem

"A. H., Sec^y. of the G. L. of Penn^a."⁸⁸

"The Worshipful Masters, Wardens &
Brethren of Lodge Unity No. 18 held
in his Brittanie Majesty's 17th. Reg^t. of
Foot at Shelburn Barracks."

The above letter was the last communication received from said Lodge. In the report of the Committee appointed in 1809 to report upon Such Lodges as were Constituted, and have become delinquent or extinct, under Lodge No. 18, in the 17th Regiment of Foot, Called "Unity" Lodge, the endorsement reads "No Returns. Nothing paid."⁸⁹

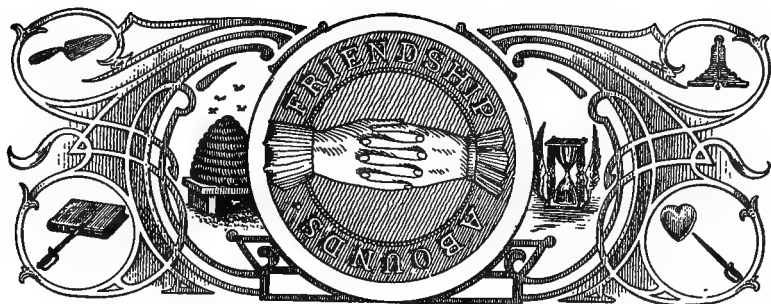
⁸⁸ Assheton Humphreys.

⁸⁹ Reprint of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Vol. II, p. 415.

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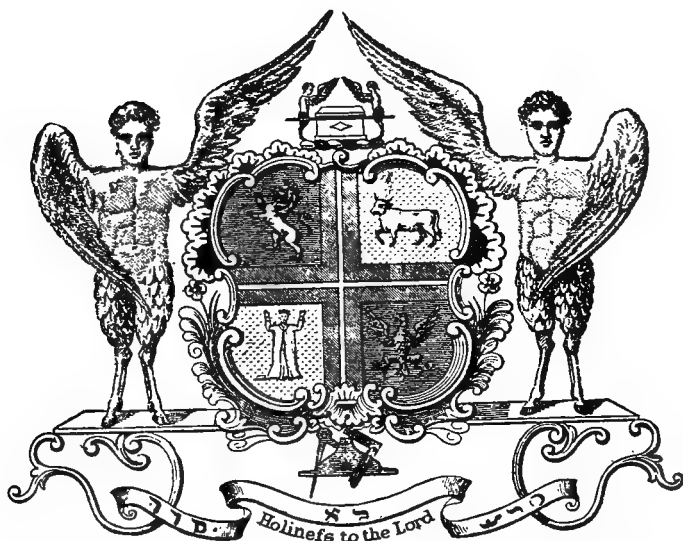
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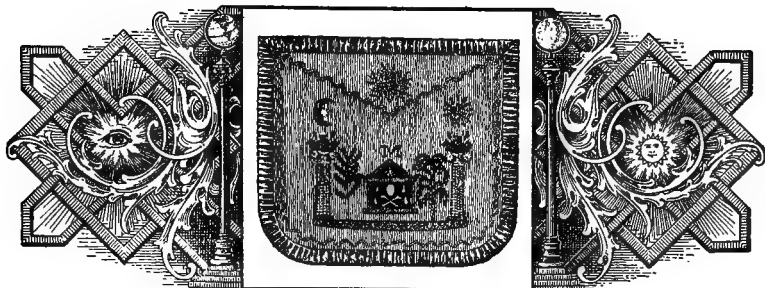
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